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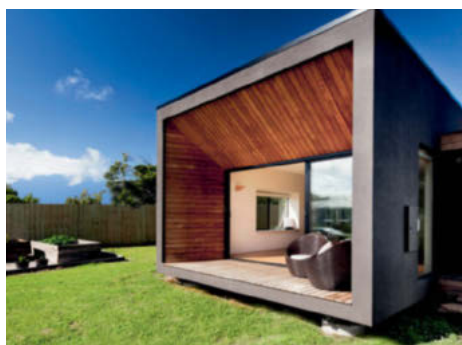
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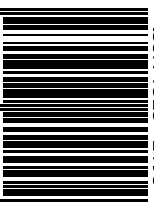
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Welcome to the very special 21st issue of *Kit & Manufactured Homes Yearbook*. To celebrate we have increased the size of the magazine so that each page is jam-packed with everything you need to know about kit homes, manufactured homes and building products.

In this issue we celebrate the innovative and contemporary kit and manufactured home designs now available in our Contemporary Architectural Innovation special (p. 22). With eco-friendly features, consistent quality and precision

engineering, it's no wonder these homes are now imbuing our suburbs with a new sense of style.

We take a close look at the joy owner-building can bring and the ease with which it can be done (p. 36). We also take a look at modular and prefab renovations. With their affordable and quick installation times, these have become a great way of adding space to your existing home (p. 76).

As the Australian climate becomes progressively hot, increasing the risk of bushfires and drought, we explore how you can keep your home and family safe (p. 124 and p. 138). By fire-proofing your house and adding water-saving solutions, you'll be able to protect your new home and use it to its full potential.

I hope you enjoy all of the designs, products and features available in this edition. Now sit back, relax, and let us help you find your dream home.

**Stephanie Dunbar**  
Acting Editor

**PS:** To receive more information about any of the designers and suppliers featured in this edition of *Kit and Manufactured Homes Yearbook*, visit [completehome.com.au](http://completehome.com.au)

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# Design showcase

A selection of stylish and modern designs



## TRADITIONAL BEAUTY

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**RAL Homes:** 03 5352 2352



## THE LUXURY OF LOGS

The Kelowna II from Appalachian Log Homes is a superbly spacious home with several separate living areas to cater to the larger family. This beautiful Blue Mountains home offers five bedrooms with ensuite to main, built-in robes to three bedrooms, three-way bathroom, two living areas, an open-plan kitchen and separate dining area, laundry and double carport. A sense of space is created with the vaulted cathedral ceilings, exposed rafters and open plan that uses space very effectively. The open-plan kitchen and living room provide a great social space.

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#### **FLEXIBLE DESIGN**

Designed and built by Clifton Mobile Homes, the Orbest is a beautiful, light-filled home that is naturally suited to holiday living. Featuring three bedrooms, one bathroom and a spacious kitchen, dining and lounge area, it is great for entertaining and relaxing. Perfect for a family of four or a couple, the flexibility of the design ensures the home is suited to most sites, including small caravan parks and beachside land.

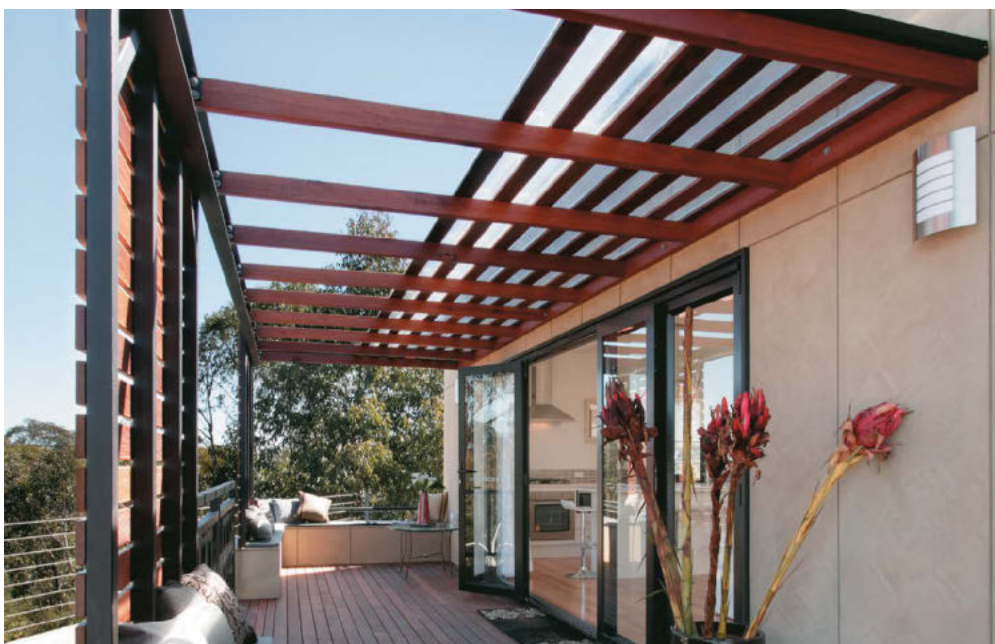
**Clifton Mobile Homes:** 03 5157 9339



#### **THE JULIETTE 451**

Imagine Kit Homes has a knack for creating homes that are both beautiful and practical, ensuring the ultimate in liveability. The Juliette 451 is a contemporary and spacious residence perfect for the modern family. With a stylish facade featuring pitched roof, balcony and two-car garage, this home is sure to make a statement on your block. The two-storey home has plenty of space for everyone and includes four bedrooms, two bathrooms, living area, IT nook and outdoor living area.

**Imagine Kit Homes:** 1800 548 723



#### **THE SMART STUDIO**

The Smart Studio is a great example of affordable accommodation. Offering clean lines and an open floorplan, the Smart Studio is a modern and contemporary bijou studio flat. Features include eco-friendly building materials such as a fire-rated Scyon Matrix exterior cladding system, sustainable timber floors and a Colorbond steel roof. The home also boasts walls with R3-rated insulation, 9ft ceilings with large bi-fold doors, and louvered windows to create cross-flow ventilation. A renewable hardwood deck, pergola and sun shield awnings cap off a spectacular design. The concealed angled roof makes a perfect vehicle for the subtle installation of solar panelling and water collection.

**Parkwood Modular Buildings:** 02 4340 4077

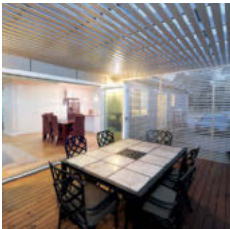


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**Alternate Dwellings:** 03 5943 1120



#### **LUXURIOUS STYLE**

The Arlington 3 is designed for stylish living which is achieved with its modern and sophisticated design. The home boasts a spacious open-plan living space, three generously sized bedrooms all with built-in robes, and master bedroom with ensuite and walk-in robe. A timber wraparound verandah is an optional finish to add a sense of Australian style to the overall home.

**Swanbuild Homes:** 1800 008 024



#### **A GREEN HOME**

Jarra Modular Kit Buildings presents the Acacia, a perfect home for serene country living, featuring four bedrooms, two bathrooms and three toilets, open-plan living and dining room. Designed to be a "green" home, the Acacia is fitted with solar hot water and a 2kW solar power system, R4 insulation on the walls, with the main glass facing north to allow the winter sun to penetrate the home. Situated on a sloping block, the garage and laundry were built under the back verandah to enhance the overall appeal.

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### SILKWOOD

The Silkwood by Classic Kit Homes Australia is a striking country-style residence with a unique octagonal verandah rotunda adding to its classic charm. Square rotundas or octagonal rotundas at both ends of the front verandah are an alternate option for those seeking something extraordinary. The home is available in several four-bedroom versions but can also be modified to include three or five bedrooms. Standard finishes include beautiful timber floors, home elevated on stumps and quality materials throughout. Like the Classic Kit Homes Australia customised floorplans, inclusions are flexible for the Silkwood and this design can also be built on a slab floor and include steel frames, timber windows and French doors.

**Classic Kit Homes Australia:** 07 5641 2020



### THE CHESTNUT

One of Todd Devine Homes' most popular granny flat designs, the Chestnut offers the perfect balance between traditional and modern design, with key consideration given to functionality and storage. Featuring a classic gable Colorbond roof, James Hardie Primeline chamfer boards and elegant feature entry door, this beautifully presented unit will have you feeling right at home. Step inside to find the beautiful kitchen featuring quality stainless-steel appliances, spacious living and dining area, two generously-sized bedrooms, bathroom with separate toilet, laundry and six-star energy-rated comfort.

**Todd Devine Homes:** 03 9720 1686



### BUILT FOR LIVING

Designed to suit traditional tastes externally and enhanced with modern internal features, the Mitchell 6, designed by Manor, is the perfect blend of aesthetics and practical living. Incorporating four generous bedrooms, a study, well-appointed bathroom and ensuite, flowing open-plan living areas and high-level inclusions as standard, this home really is built for living. System-built to exact methods with high attention to detail, your new Manor home will be ready to live in before you know it.

**Manor:** 1800 551 818

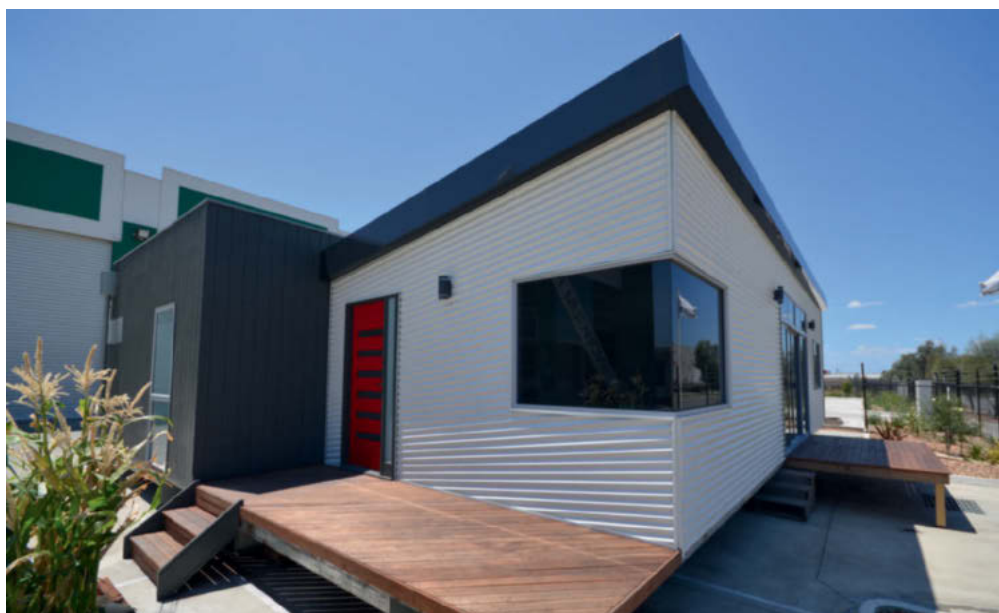




### COUNTRY CLASSIC

The Country Estate by Wide Span Homes offers true Australian living through its open-plan layout and verandah wrapping around the entire perimeter of the house. The choice of either four or five bedrooms and two bathrooms will provide plenty of room to relax and unwind with your family. There is flexibility too: owners can achieve a modern or traditional twist by taking care of the finer details of interior design and finishes sourced from their preferred suppliers.

**Wide Span Homes:** 1300 943 377



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**Snowgum Homes:** 03 9314 4162



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# Contemporary architectural innovation

Celebrating the evolving style and designs of Australian homes

There's no doubting Australia's beauty, from its red outback earth to its buzzing, metropolitan hot spots. The houses dotting neighbourhoods across the country are similarly beautiful, as well as functional. Over

the years, Australian architects and builders have been driven by European architectural influences, many reflected in the developing styles of prefabs, modular and manufactured homes, kit homes and granny flats.

The stigma once associated with modular design and prefabricated architecture has all but disappeared as a result of their increasing sophistication, convenience and sustainability features. As a result of evolving design and construction methods, an endless number of building options has developed. In this issue we celebrate the stunning contemporary designs now available.

## CONTEMPORARY STYLE

Contemporary and sleek designs are no longer only for site-built houses, with a shift in architect-designed modular housing towards ultramodern design and cutting-edge architecture. Typically, a contemporary design follows the "less is more" principle, focusing on the space itself rather than decor and decorative details. Clean and functional design aspects are incorporated, with architects experimenting with new or raw materials rather than their classic counterparts.



**01.** A glass sliding door seamlessly blends indoors and out. Harwyn Designer Pod.

**02.** Harwyn Designer Pods are architecturally designed and built in Australia.

**HARWYN** The Harwyn Designer Pods are an innovative design concept perfect for the contemporary lifestyle. The prefab pods are architecturally designed and built in Australia and can be used as a home office, a retreat or a spare room. Easily installed in your backyard, the pods seamlessly blend indoors and out and feature a glass sliding door, LED lighting, sound insulation, desk and cabinetry. [harwyn.com.au](http://harwyn.com.au)



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**03.** Contemporary, cutting-edge design — the unique north-facing front facade is designed to capture the sun's rays. ArchiBlox.

**04.** Stylish and modern living areas are captured in the interior kitchen design. ArchiBlox.

**ARCHIBLOX** Contemporary housing is focusing more on sustainability and the featured Paperbark house by ArchiBlox is a perfect example of this trend. The intrinsically sustainable design performs effectively and efficiently through the seasons with passive, energy-saving design principles, isolation power switch, solar-water heating and rainwater tank. The rectangular design minimises the overall external wall area, creating a home that stands out from its surroundings. [archiblox.com.au](http://archiblox.com.au)



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**05.** A streamlined layout is embraced by the Eco Balanced 1 home by Ecoliv Sustainable Buildings.

**06.** Sustainably sourced plantation timber is used to enhance the sustainable features of this home. Ecoliv Sustainable Buildings.

**ECOLIV SUSTAINABLE BUILDINGS** The featured Eco Balanced 1 is designed as a display/demonstration home based on the brief of arranging minimal elements of traditional sustainability in a compact, lightweight and low-maintenance profile. Its contemporary form and streamlined layout combine a holistic approach to solar design and systems integration, which contributes to aspirations of sustainability by achieving an eight-star thermal rating. Featuring a range of upgraded products including solar power, LED lighting, double-glazed windows and grey water recycling, this ultra-modern design embraces all of the contemporary elements. [ecoliv.com.au](http://ecoliv.com.au)





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07. Clean, strong lines captivate a sleek contemporary design. Wide Span Homes.

08. The Shoreham 14 by Anchor Homes features simple lines for a modern look.

**WIDE SPAN HOMES** This modern, country-style home offers a spacious design set over two levels. Ideal for both rural and coastal regions, this large family home is sure to stand the test of time against the harsh Australian environment. Built with structural components manufactured in Australia from high-tensile BlueScope Steel, immense strength and protection is offered against termites and the harsh climate. Clean, strong lines are provided by the use of horizontal Colorbond steel cladding, captivating a sleek contemporary design. With more than 20 colours to choose from, a unique and modern finish can easily be achieved. [widespanhomes.com.au](http://widespanhomes.com.au)

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**ANCHOR HOMES** From the new Anchor Homes Melbourne location the Shoreham 14 design is emerging as a popular home design with an all-new facade style featuring simple lines and natural colours, perfect for the modern lifestyle.

Similar to the Shoreham 16 in many ways, this 14 square variation has open living areas, spacious bedrooms and a walk-in-pantry which are just some of the many deluxe features of this modern design. [anchorhomes.com.au](http://anchorhomes.com.au)



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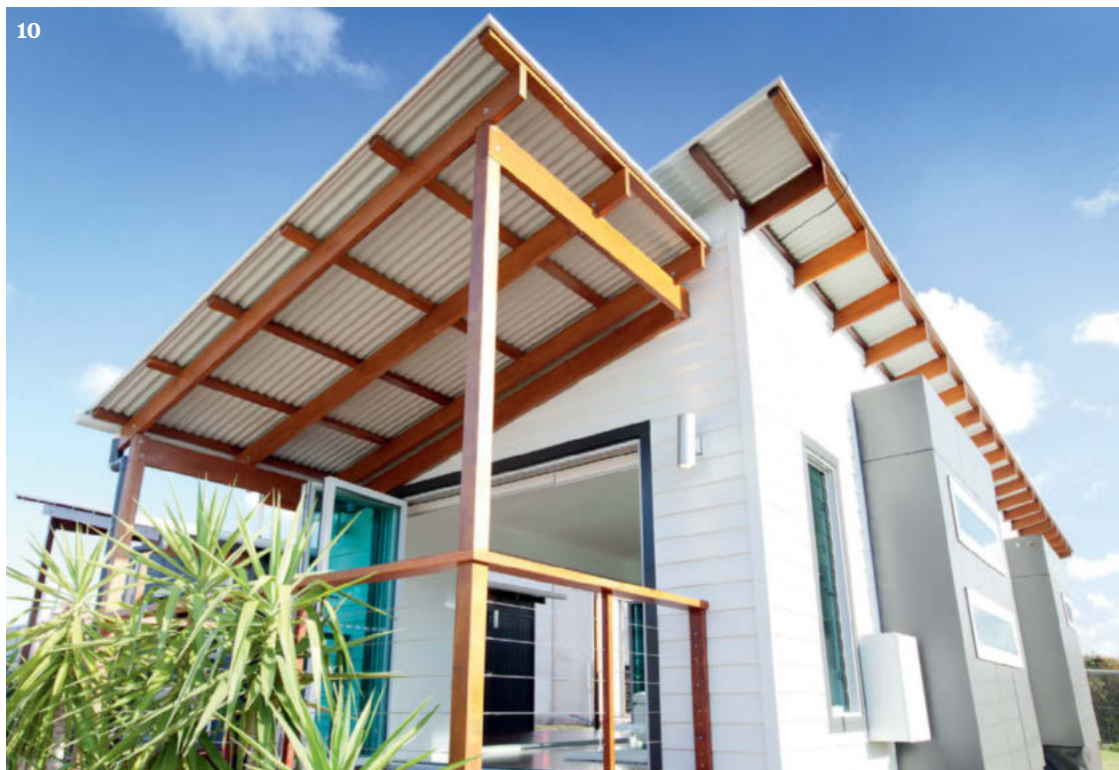


09. Natural light is an essential component of contemporary design. Glendale Homes.

10. Subtle colour schemes allow home owners to incorporate splashes of colour through the interior styling. Glendale Homes.

**GLENDALE HOMES** These arrive ready for occupancy within five to 10 days of installation. Homes are constructed in fine detail in the company's large warehouse, providing consistent manufacturing quality. Substantial cost savings are also provided through fixed-price contracts. The featured factory display home is the ultimate in contemporary living and boasts clean lines, plenty of natural light and subtle colours. To read more about this design, visit page 96. [glendalehomes.com.au](http://glendalehomes.com.au)

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**PREBUILT** is a design collaboration between the Kilsyth, Melbourne-based construction company and Architects Pleysier Perkins. Each of the four house styles in the range can be oriented to maximise natural light and cross ventilation, with double glazing and high insulation as standard. Structures are constructed from locally sourced products and materials, so factory waste is minimised. Prebuilt designs are transported Australia-wide as whole modules complete with kitchens, bathrooms and joinery, fully plumbed and wired, ready to connect directly to services. Set aside approximately 12 weeks' build time post planning approval from your local council. [prebuilt.com.au](http://prebuilt.com.au)

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11. Custom design Mod house by Prebuilt.

12. Prebuilt designs are transported Australia-wide.

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13. The Contempo 1 by Swanbuild Homes.

14. The Entertainer by Classic Cabins is the perfect addition to any contemporary-style home.

**SWANBUILD HOMES** The Contempo 1, part of Swanbuild's Modern Contemporary home range, has been designed with a large growing family in mind. Containing four spacious bedrooms plus a master bedroom, two bathrooms and a large open-plan kitchen, this home really has a lot to offer. Swanbuild Homes also made entertaining a must with the inclusion of a spacious outdoor entertaining area as well as a home theatre room that can be used as a lounge. [swanbuild.com.au](http://swanbuild.com.au)

**CLASSIC CABINS** designs and builds innovative granny flats, teenage retreats and home offices with a commitment to providing high-quality service. The Entertainer is yet another testament to the company's impeccable range featuring wide-access double-glass sliding doors, horizontal Colorbond combined with cedar panelling and a functional verandah. This stylish outdoor structure is the perfect solution for any contemporary home in need of some extra space for entertaining guests. [classiccabins.com.au](http://classiccabins.com.au)

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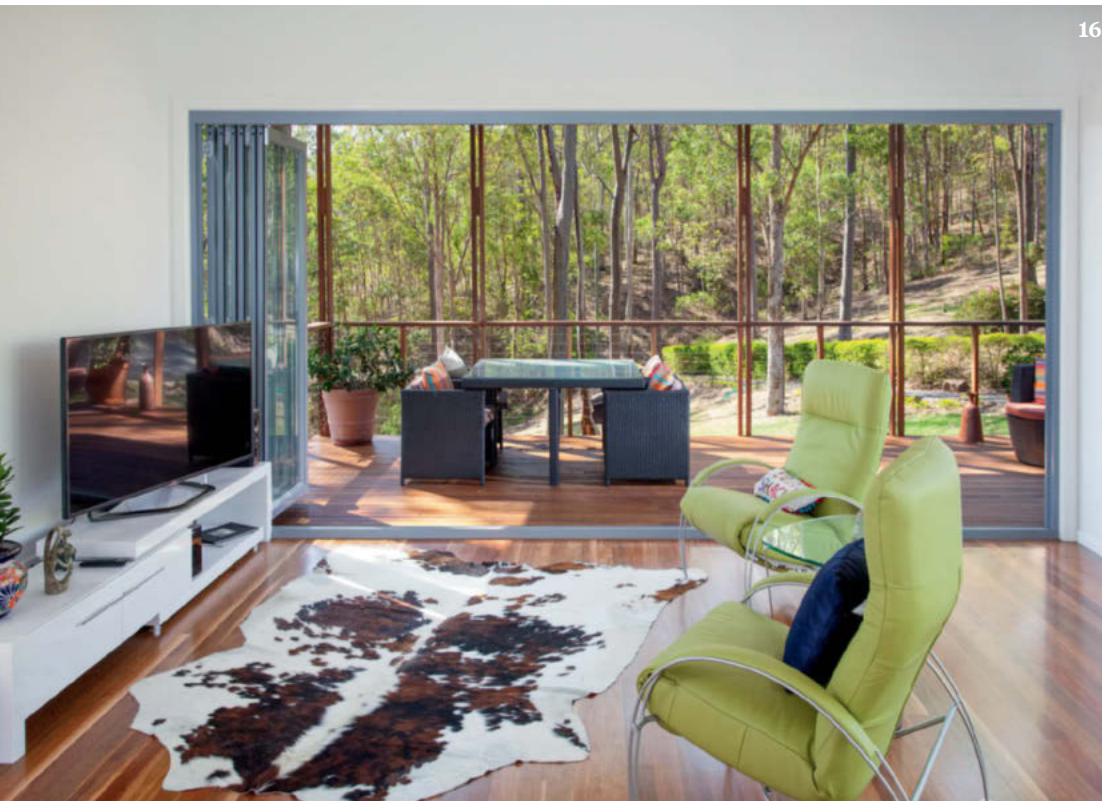




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**15.** A unique granny flat that blends beautifully with its surrounds. Baahouse + Baastudio.

**16.** An open-plan design unites all rooms. Baahouse + Baastudio.

**BAAHOUSE + BAASTUDIO** These award-winning Brisbane architects and designers specialise in creating stunning designs to suit the needs of their clients. The featured retreat house is an example of this company's expert craftsmanship. Constructed by Kim Alexander Builders, this one-bedroom granny flat is built above ground, seamlessly blending into its leafy surrounds. A 60m<sup>2</sup> deck and open-plan design make all areas of the home feel connected, creating an aesthetic flow between each room. All available space is utilised to its full potential, giving the illusion of more space. [baahouse.com.au](http://baahouse.com.au)





# The great Australian dream

Finding your perfect home

Owning a home is an integral component of Australian culture. Driven by a period of reconstruction post World War II and the already conceived “American Dream” of the 1940s, the “Great Australian Dream” was born. It was characterised by a suburban home on a quarter-acre block, with a patch of grass, Hills Hoist clothes line, barbecue and, perhaps even a swimming pool.

Deciding which home will be the one to fulfil your dream can be tricky as more options become available. Here we explore prefab, modular and manufactured homes, kit homes and granny flats to help you decide which is right for you.

## KIT HOMES

Kit Homes are ideal for growing families and budding owner-builders. The frames and trusses are prefabricated with all of the other components delivered to the site for efficient construction. Homes can also vary in size to accommodate singles and growing families.

Kit homes are competitively priced and can offer considerable savings, especially when they are owner-built or owner-managed. “Contract builders love kit homes because all materials are supplied to site ready for construction so there are definitely savings to be made,” says Peter McDonnell of Kitome. Most companies also offer round-the-clock assistance to help owners complete their build with ease.

The featured Kitome residence, the Harrington 31, consists of everything needed to accommodate a growing family, including four generously sized bedrooms, rumpus room, outdoor entertaining area and open-plan kitchen. This type of home is perfect for rural settings with its classic country style and homely feel.



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01. Kit homes are great for growing families. Image Kitome.

02. Kitome designs are flexible and can be customised to suit your lifestyle. Image Kitome.



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03. Parkwood Modular Buildings creates beautiful contemporary-designed modular homes.

04. The Carrington, by Parkwood Modular Buildings, can be transported and set up on your site with ease.

### **PREFAB, MODULAR AND MANUFACTURED HOMES**

As their names suggest, prefab, modular and manufactured homes are constructed in controlled and highly supervised environments. The homes are delivered to your site for the final construction phase of your build, making them very time-efficient.

"There is no mess to speak of," says Jacky of Parkwood Modular Buildings. Although site services will still need connection and internal finishings such as carpeting and painting will need to be completed, the bulk of the work is done in a single day. "Two to three weeks and you're in," says Jacky. "That's a lot easier on you and the environment."





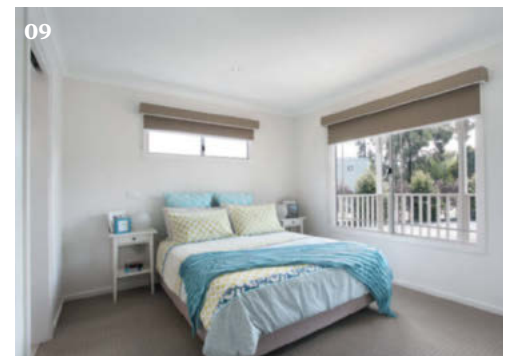
- 05.** Prefab, Modular and manufactured homes are an affordable option for budding home owners. Image Parkwood Modular Buildings.
- 06.** Modular homes have lasting character. Image Parkwood Modular Buildings.
- 07.** Granny flats are essentially small homes. Image Todd Devine Homes.
- 08.** Todd Devine Homes has created modern and innovative granny flat designs.
- 09.** Granny flats usually include a kitchen, bedroom, bathroom and living areas. Image Todd Devine Homes.

Their advantages are their mobility and affordability, making them ideal for first-home owners. Later additions or extensions, such as garages and decks, can easily be added in stages — ideal for growing families.

The featured Carrington home of Parkwood Modular Buildings was the perfect choice for this homeowner. A restrictive site prone to flooding made a modular home the ideal option. The structure could be quickly and easily positioned with no disturbances to neighbouring homes. The end result is a practical and contemporary chic home.







### GRANNY FLATS

If you're after some extra space, a place for extended family or a teenager looking for some independence, a granny flat could be the ideal solution. Typically, a granny flat is a self-contained home extension which is built on the same plot of land as your primary home. Usually set to the rear of the home, the granny flat will also share the same backyard space and includes a bedroom, kitchen or kitchenette, living area, bathroom and laundry. Modern granny flats of today are essentially a small home, says Todd Devine of Todd Devine Homes. "They are built to the same standards as a new home and offer six-star energy-rated comfort and options to match."

Despite their humble nature there is a plethora of designs available to blend with your existing home. "We are seeing more and more people creating their own luxury units with modern facades, Caesarstone benchtops and walk-in showers. Really, the characteristics are limited now only by your imagination," says Todd.

Todd Devine Homes has revolutionised the concept of the humble granny flat and has created a number of modern, innovative and affordable designs to suit all budgets.



# Kit homes

The fabulous kit home allows you the satisfaction of building your own house



**K**it homes provide an affordable, flexible and convenient housing option for home buyers. As the name suggests, kit homes are delivered in kits which contain all the necessary materials to construct a home and generally include roofing, windows, external cladding, internal walls, ceilings, verandahs and decking.

Kit homes offer the home buyer brilliant value for money as expensive labour costs can be greatly reduced through assembling the home yourself or with the help of

contracted labourers. This reduces not only the overall cost of your new home, but also the total building time. No longer do you need to fork out rent while you wait for your builder or developer to make progress. Kit homes allow you to take matters into your own hands and complete the project in a timeframe that suits you. Many kit home manufacturers can even modify their designs to suit your requirements and help personalise your home with creative suggestions.





# A great kit home deserves a great kit floor

## BOXSPAN® Steel Flooring System

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*“We just followed the plans, after screwing the brackets onto the bearers, everything just dropped into place.”*

**Mike, Owner Builder, Cowra NSW**



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# Proud owner-builders

Paal chosen for its after-sales support

**B**rendan and Karen Helmrich built their own Paal home at Little Hartley, just west of the Blue Mountains in New South Wales, saving themselves more than \$100,000 in builder's fees.

Brendan is an expert rock climber and works as an outdoor recreation instructor, and had some

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previous carpentry experience. He'd completed a carport and a gazebo, among other things, but he'd never attempted a house before.

The couple tackled nearly all of the construction work themselves, getting help with repetitive tasks such as gyprocking and tiling. Being a climber, Brendan found he enjoyed doing the roof. With the aid of a movable scaffold, he and Karen (who used to be a climber) were able to raise the steel sheeting and complete the roof unassisted.

"We decided to buy a kit home and build it ourselves so there wouldn't be a ridiculous mortgage," explains Brendan. "We estimate that we saved at least \$100,000. The reason we chose Paal was that we'd heard their builder's manual and after-sales support were really good. I'm a little bit of a perfectionist and fully utilised those services. John Noye at Paal was great. Building a kit home isn't quite the same as assembling a flat pack from IKEA. I rang John a few times and once he even came out to our house to help — awesome!"

Their new home is a classic Windsor design, which has a double frontage, four large bedrooms,

an open-plan kitchen and family/meals area, as well as a separate dining room that can become a study or home theatre.

"Normally you think of kit homes as being rather plain and boxy, but it doesn't look like that at all. The Windsor is aesthetically pleasing, appears to be architecturally designed, and has really nice features," says Brendan.

With he and Karen both working almost fulltime, they had just their weekends and spare hours to build the home, completing it within two years. "It's been quite a journey," Brendan said. "It now feels amazing to be in a home that we built ourselves. We're very excited, and other people are gobsmacked by our achievement."

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**01.** The classic Windsor design by Paal Kit Homes.

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# True owner-builders

Brad Lawrence and his partner Lisa Cottle chose a Paal kit home because it was ideal for an owner-builder and they could tackle most of the work themselves

Brad and Lisa found a 55-acre block in Peechelba, near Wangaratta, and moved there to build a house and farm the land. Brad had already renovated a house before and knew he had good handyman skills. Although Brad and Lisa were working fulltime, they tackled most of the construction tasks themselves, devoting their evenings, weekends and holidays to the project.

The pair decided to go with Paal because they liked the display home in Bayswater, Melbourne — the same Hawkesbury design as their own. “It was great to walk through and see what the completed home looks like. It felt so spacious and luxurious,” says Brad. During his research, Brad also discovered that other kit home

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- 01. The home is finished in light-brown-painted Hebel panels and grey Colorbond roofing.
- 02. Brad and Lisa are overjoyed with their new home.
- 03. Paal's after-sales support is always there during the building process.

providers catered more for the professional builder than the owner-builder.

For Brad and Lisa, another great thing about buying from Paal was that the home kit included everything. There were no surprising “extras”, which meant they knew exactly how much it was going to cost and could work to a budget.

Friends and family helped with construction and Brad hired some labour for the roofing and gyprocking. However, Paal's after-sales support was always there during the building process. “A couple of times I rang Paal and they quickly got back to me with an answer — within the hour,” he says.

Their home is finished in light-brown-painted Hebel panels and grey Colorbond roofing. “A lot of people can't believe it's a kit home. You simply wouldn't know,” muses Brad.

Saving money was a factor in the couple's decision to build themselves. “I reckon we saved \$100,000. We've now got a big house on a big block, a much larger home than if we hadn't contributed our own labour,” he says. “We're thrilled with our new house. Others love it too. A lot of people drive past and say, ‘Wow!’ I've already recommended Paal to other home builders.”



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# A big ask

A large home-building project was tackled with confidence, producing a result that lived up to expectations

Owner-building an enlarged version of one of Paal's biggest homes could be considered ambitious, but Tom and Donna Cole felt confident and completed the project in just a few months.

"My son saw Paal's ad on the back page of *The Land*. He fell in love with the design and said, 'Mum, this is the house you have to have,'" recalls Donna. The couple had owned land outside of Orange for years. This was to be their last home so they didn't hold back, enlarging Paal's Castlereagh design from 46 squares under-roof to more than 60.

"We chose to build a kit home because you could alter the design and have it just the way you wanted," says Donna. "Paal Kit Homes was very good at making our changes."

Tom and Donna extended one of the wings, substituted a double garage for the rumpus room, reversed the front and back of the house, moved the verandahs and changed some of the internal spaces. They intended to do the building themselves on weekends and in the evenings, but once they started the project they decided to hire a sub-contractor who could ensure construction moved along quickly, even when they were at work.

"Paal was very obliging and sorted out anything that needed help along the way. We moved in about six months after starting the framing, which is good going for such a big house."

The residence is finished in rendered Hebel board with a Colorbond roof. Ivory-coloured floor tiles are used throughout the interior. Reverse-cycle

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**01.** The expansive house near Orange in country NSW.

**02.** The Coles say their Paal kit home was completed quickly and to a high standard.

air-conditioning is installed and both hot water and photovoltaic solar panels are fitted.

“The house is cool in summer and warm in winter,” says Donna. “The Hebel panels insulate, plus we get a breeze right through the house in summer. It’s great. We both love the finished home, which has really lived up to our expectations.”



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# The perfect solution

A modular building was the answer for a Leichhardt couple who wanted to renovate without spending a fortune

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When owners Marcus and Eve approached Jarrah Modular Kit Buildings' manager, Brett Rossiter, about a possible architecturally designed modular renovation for their Leichhardt townhouse, they explained they wanted to keep their architect's design and reduce the building and extras costs to an affordable level. Marcus says that when they began planning their extension in 2010, they initially considered a more traditional building method, "but when we were introduced to Brett and realised the benefits of using the off-site modular building method, we were more than happy to change."

Jarrah Modular Kit Buildings is a family-owned business with more than 18 years of experience. The company aims for personalised service for each job undertaken. Each design and build is tailored to the client by heavily involving them in the process. "All of our modular renovations are specially designed and are all one-offs," says Brett. This way, all site specifications and client needs are taken into account before the paperwork is finalised.

The site was a narrow block, with a council requirement to keep the existing Victorian single-fronted facade, so constructing even a modular addition to the original structure posed some difficulties. "We had tight access issues to deal with, power lines to contend with, and we needed to place the last module nearly 50m away," says Brett.

The modular renovation features a two-storey addition with open-plan living/main bathroom and kitchen leading to an alfresco area downstairs; a bathroom and two bedrooms upstairs; rendered



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- 01.** The narrow block added some challenges to renovating.
- 02.** The new home has been kitted out to a modern, high standard.
- 03.** The back of Marcus and Eve's Leichhardt home.
- 04.** There's even plenty of space for Marcus and Eve's kids to play.
- 05.** There have been no compromises on style in the renovation.
- 06.** Jarrah Homes worked from an architect's design to keep the continuity between old and new.

In addition to actively contributing to the planning stages, Marcus and Eve have benefitted in other ways by choosing a modular renovation. "The biggest benefit of using the modular system was that construction was started and completed on our extension and yet we were still living in our home in Leichhardt," says Marcus.

Modular housing projects have dramatically evolved over the past few years and present minimal disruption to the site and owners' lifestyle. Costs and build times are also dramatically minimised. Space is enhanced with clever design and assembly practices and with this particular project, Marcus and Eve have had more control over the building process than they would have had if they'd decided to go with more traditional building methods.

Modular construction also offers huge environmental efficiencies as homes are built in a controlled space and cause little site disruption. All fittings, wiring and plumbing are completed en masse at the production site, reducing the cost

finish on the outside and Gyprock finish inside. All of this was required to be attached to the existing home, over half of which needed to be demolished.

Marcus and Eve were present on the day the modules were installed. "You couldn't wipe the smile off their faces," says Brett. "They were ecstatic. Eve initially didn't want to come around because she was

a bit worried about how the move would go. But she came around anyway and she said she was surprised by how easy it was to get in."

The needs of the property and Marcus and Eve are what make this build unique and not just your average modular build. "This is a completely bespoke build," says Marcus.





of travel, shipment and installation significantly. According to Brett, all of this can help neutralise adverse effects on the environment. "If you control the building process, there is less wastage, which means less landfill. You can control the reuse and recycling of materials.

"It has been a great experience working with Brett," says Marcus. He and Eve were able to visit their future home while it was being built as many times as they liked and, if there were any concerns, they could be addressed immediately.

"It was a big day, but at the end of it the owners said it was unbelievable. The architect also couldn't believe how it all came together," recalls Brett. "It was really, really good and it went exactly the way I wanted it to."

Give Jarrah Modular Kit Buildings a call to see how they can help build your lifestyle.

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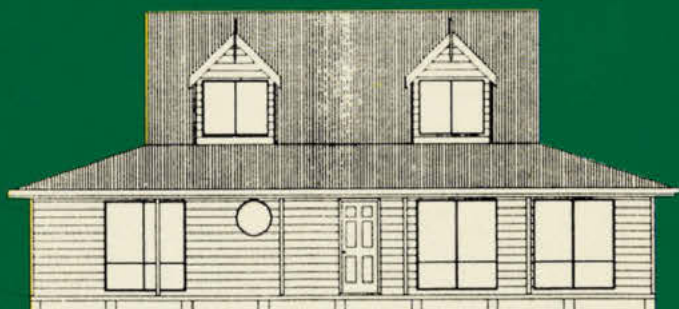
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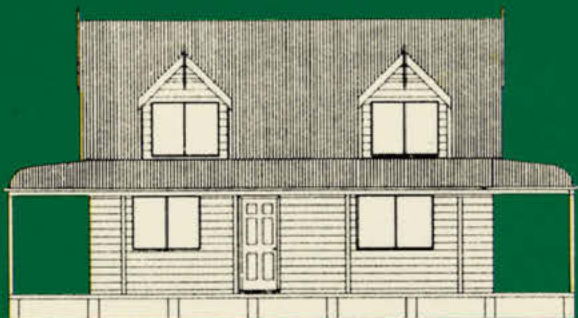
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Built almost entirely of Australian white cypress, the homes have an inherent durability and natural termite-resistance without chemical treatment.

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where every component is installed and a comprehensive list of kit inclusions.

Appalachian Log Homes has been in business for more than 20 years, with more than 170 log homes built in Australia, the United States and Asia. Appalachian can make site visits during delivery and throughout the construction process to ensure all homes are built correctly.

With a reputation for creating high-quality log or timber-frame homes, it is no surprise the company's managing director, Dr Tracy Wakefield, has received several prestigious awards and was a finalist in the *Sydney Business Review* Business Women Award. Appalachian Log Homes has also won the Western Sydney Global Excellence Award for Small Business and TDA Award for New South Wales. The company was a finalist for the Australia Post Small Business



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For more information, visit Appalachian's website, which lists all inclusions and exclusions as well as necessary procedures.

#### TODD CHALET IV

An open-plan kitchen, living and dining area provides ample space for entertaining and relaxing and three bedrooms with built-in robes plus a second living room allows plenty of space to accommodate family and guests.

**Price:** Kit: \$145,600 (GST inclusive). This includes Cypress timber throughout (excluding rafters and some beams, which are oregon) as well as a 175mm x 175mm post-and-beam timber frame, bearers and joists, panel flooring underlay for the lower floor, internal framing, tongue-and-groove flooring for the upper floors, uPVC 24mm 4/16/4 double-glazed tilt-and-turn windows and doors, and architraves for the internal trimming of windows in log walls. The kit also includes cathedral ceilings with exposed rafters and tongue-and-groove lining boards, roof insulation, verandah and deck materials.

**Size:** 229.4m<sup>2</sup>. This includes a 168.8m<sup>2</sup> living area and a 60.6m<sup>2</sup> deck area.

**Accommodation:** Three bedrooms with built-in robes, open-plan living, dining and kitchen, two bathrooms — one located on the lower floor, the other on the upper — and a large loft area that can be used as a second living room with access to an upper deck. The featured home was built for holiday accommodation but could be used as a permanent residence.

**Optional extras:** Appalachian's Cypress post-and-beam bushfire wall system (as pictured); mini orb- or hardwood-clad gables and dormers; hardwood decks; and Plustec's BAL 40 aluminium-framed windows.

Other options include an internal Cypress fit-out package, Cypress- or hardwood-finish flooring, hand-crafted or square timber trusses, internal hand-crafted log railing and balustrade, hand-crafted log stairs and timber furniture. Customers can also choose to have a hybrid of hand-crafted and square post-and-beam frames added to the package. Further optional extras include additional decks, timber-lined verandahs, posts and handrails, and balustrade for decks more than a metre above ground level.

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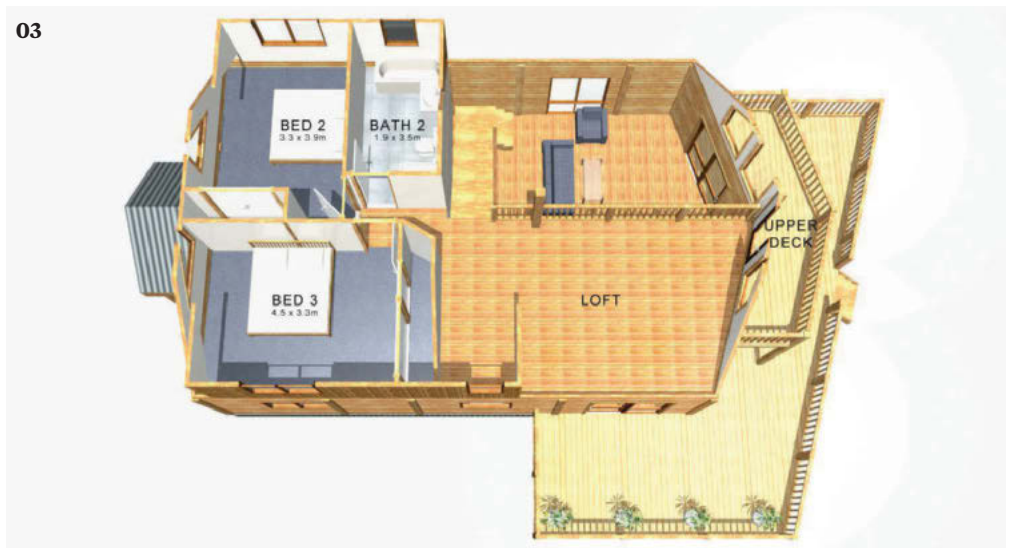
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01. The Todd Chalet IV.

02. An open-plan kitchen, living and dining area can accommodate many guests.

03. Todd Chalet IV upper and lower floorplan.





# A taste of the past

Capture a hint of Australia's colonial past with these early Federation- and Victorian-style designs

**A**uthentic looks, heights and profiles are the specialty of Harkaway Homes. Established in 1986, Harkaway Homes markets its houses in New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia, Tasmania and southern Queensland. The company's designs have attracted attention in the building industry and Harkaway has won the Master Builders' Association Excellence in Housing Award four years running. There are eight home ranges to choose from for those looking for something traditional.

## VICTORIAN TRADITIONAL SERIES

Featured above is the Seddon, one of a range of six different sizes and floorplans.

**Size:** 204m<sup>2</sup>.

**Price:** \$105,714 deluxe lock-up package (price includes GST).

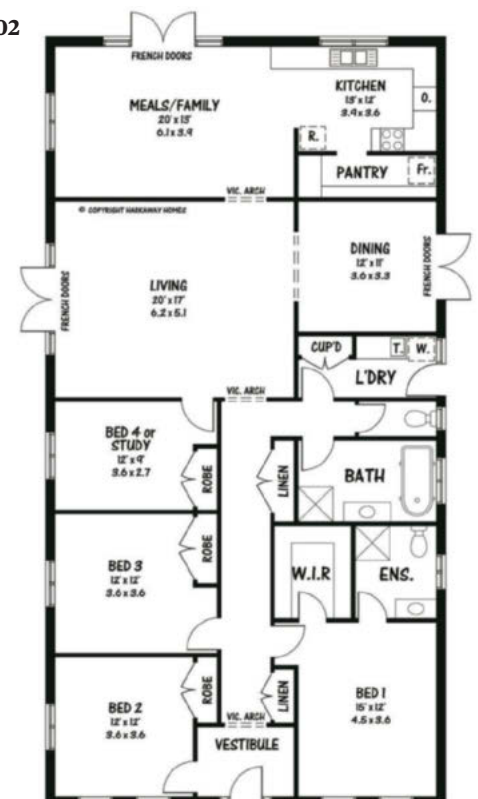
**Accommodation:** Four bedrooms with built-in robes, living room, family room, dining room, two bathrooms, kitchen with walk-in pantry and laundry.

**Construction time:** 16 weeks, mainly built on a project-managed basis.

**Construction:** Choice of weatherboard or brick, Colorbond or old-fashioned galvanised-iron roofing, Victorian sash windows, Victorian dress accessories, hardware and fixings.

**Not included in price:** Internal linings, plumbing, electrical, kitchen and floor.

**Optional extras:** Verandah (four types as package), 3m ceilings, timber block front facade, assorted leadlights.





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### FAIR DINKUM FEDERATION SERIES

Featured above is the Caulfield, from a range of seven different sizes and floorplans.

**Size:** 223m<sup>2</sup>, 24 squares.

**Price:** \$120,178 deluxe lock-up package (price includes GST).

**Accommodation:** Four bedrooms, living room, meals/family room, kitchen with walk-in pantry, laundry and two bathrooms.

**Construction time:** 16 weeks, mainly built on a project-managed basis.

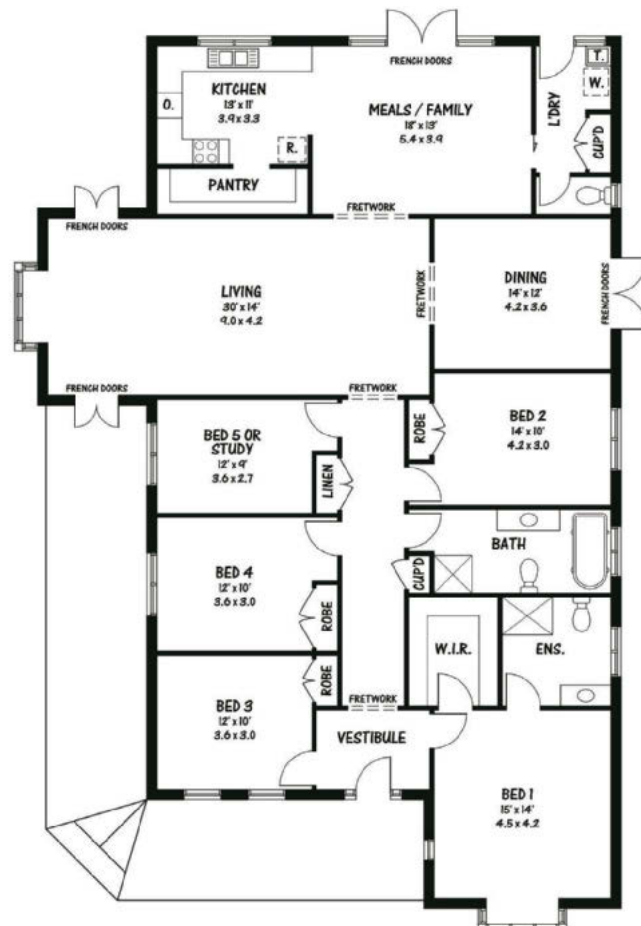
**Construction:** Choice of weatherboard or brick.

**Special features:** As the name suggests, the Harkaway Homes Fair Dinkum Federation Series' Caulfield is an authentic reproduction Federation home with a wide range of traditional features. These include high external walls (3.6m), high ceilings (3m), a Federation roofline, integrated verandah, leadlight-topped box-bay windows, leadlight front-door frame with cricket-bat entry door, Federation-line casement windows, Federation friezes and French doors.

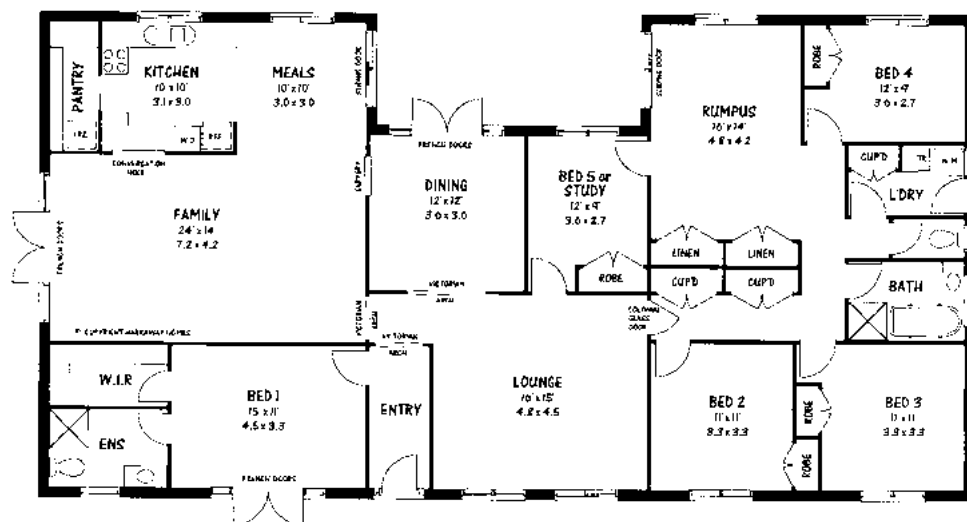
**Included in price:** Fully stabilised, prefabricated, termite-resistant, kiln-dried wall frames and roof trusses, full-frame erection, choice of brick or weatherboard, Colorbond roofing, Victorian sash windows, Federation cappings and fixings.

**Not included in price:** Internal linings, plumbing, electrical, kitchen and floor.

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**PAVILION ROOFLINE SERIES**

Featured is the Rokeby Pavilion Courtyard, one of a range of seven different sizes and floorplans.

**Size:** 223m<sup>2</sup>.

**Price:** \$106,847 deluxe lock-up package (price includes GST).

**Accommodation:** Four bedrooms, study, family room, lounge room, dining room, rumpus room, kitchen with walk-in pantry, two bathrooms and laundry.

**Construction time:** 16 weeks, mainly built on a project-managed basis.

**Construction:** Either brick or weatherboard.

**Special features:** This authentic reproduction Victorian home features a wide range of traditional features including high exterior walls (3.6m), period roofline, old-world cappings and finishes, high ceilings, casement windows and French doors.

**Included in price:** Fully stabilised, prefabricated, kiln-dried wall frames and roof trusses, full-frame erection, choice of brick or weatherboard, Colorbond or old-fashioned galvanised-iron roofing, Victorian sash windows, Victorian dress accessories, hardware and fixings.

**Optional extras:** Verandah (four types as package), 3m ceilings, assorted leadlights.

**Not included in price:** Internal linings, plumbing, electrical, kitchen and floor.

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**01.** The Seddon, part of the Victorian Traditional Series.

**02.** Floorplan of the Seddon.

**03.** The Caulfield, part of the Fair Dinkum Federation Series.

**04.** Floorplan of the Caulfield.

**05.** Floorplan of the Rokeby Pavilion Courtyard.

**06.** The Rokeby Pavilion Courtyard, part of the Pavilion Roofline Series.



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# Attention to detail

Custom design at its finest

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This guesthouse was built by Imagine Kit Homes for a Chinese company in Shanghai. The home boasts elements of comfort and style tailored to suit the tastes of the ever-changing resident.

A generous entry leads residents into the home, which features impressive 3.2m-high ceilings and multiple spacious balconies. The expansive home can accommodate high residential numbers with

five bedrooms and nine bathrooms, while still providing ample space for the occupants to enjoy some private time to relax and unwind.

A study and meeting room add to the functionality of the versatile home, allowing space for the residents to catch up on work in an environment away from the hustle and bustle of the office. The large kitchen, formal dining area,

games room and lounge make for the ultimate shared living space, a true home away from home.

The internal linings provide durable, smooth walls which, when accompanied by sweeping columns, complement the home's standout feature, its high ceilings and pitched roof. An attic nestled behind the residence's charming American-style, peak-roofed exterior provides





alternate storage space. Ancient Rome-inspired travertine wall and floor tiles in the wet areas and herringbone spotted-gum flooring throughout ensure the home is completed with the highest-quality finishings.

Imagine Kit Homes' residences are built to last, designed to tolerate the elements and altered in accordance with specific weather conditions. Imagine Kit Homes' staff cater to specific, custom-design options and are more than happy to discuss client requests.

#### COMPANY PROFILE

Imagine Kit Homes provides innovative, functional, affordable designs that consider site and climate characteristics and incorporate the latest technologies to produce the ultimate lifestyle environment. The company is at the leading edge of the Australian project home design industry.

Imagine Kit Homes is backed by three separate directors: Ray Sweeney, Jake Gundry and Guy Wood. Ray Sweeney, managing director of Mondo

Architects, is responsible for a multitude of landmark buildings in many of Australia's capital cities. Jake Gundry, managing director of Australian Framing Solutions, has also been instrumental in creating what is now considered to be the leading steel framing company in Australia. Guy Wood is the managing director of Scottsdale Systems and has been involved in the set-up of many steel framing companies, as well as being one of the key designers and programmers for the recognised Scottsdale Roll forming machines. By utilising the abilities of this team of experienced individuals, Imagine Kit Homes is committed to helping all its clients build their dream.

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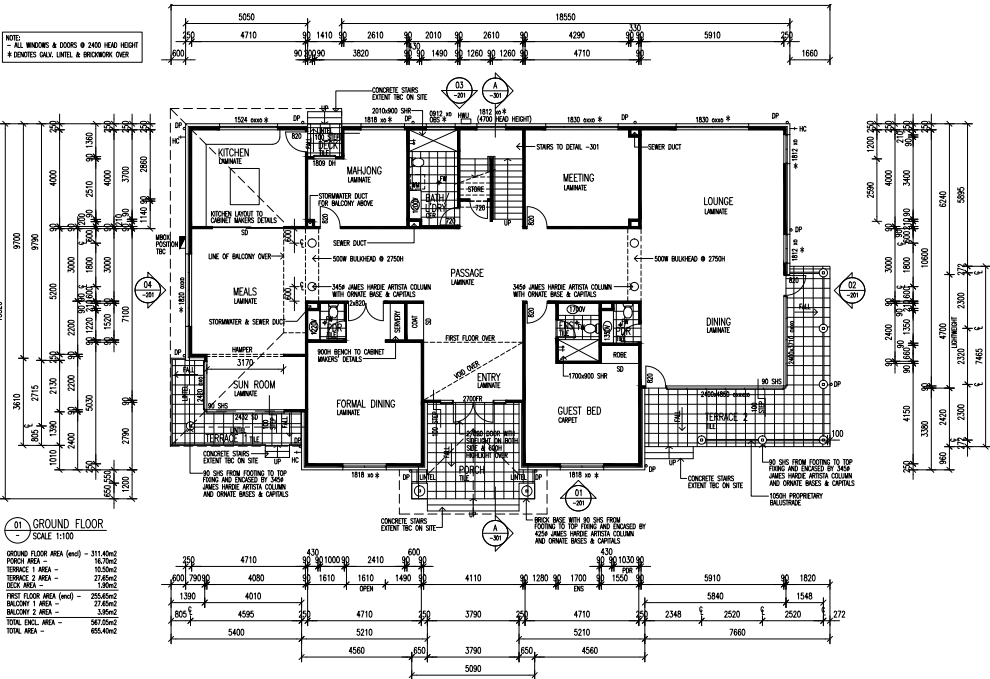


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- 01. This guest house in Shanghai brings all the comforts of home together under one roof.
- 02. Imagine Kit Homes can custom design any home, large or small.
- 03. An American-style, peak-roofed exterior makes this home design stand out from its surroundings.
- 04. A kit home design was the perfect choice for this large build.
- 05. Floor plan of the ground-level guest house, Shanghai.

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PROJECT PARTICULARS

Price: \$396,000.

Price includes: Concrete roof tiles, bricks, steel frames and trusses, doors and windows, internal linings.

Accommodation: Five bedrooms, nine bathrooms, study, formal dining, games room, large kitchen, meeting room, lounge.

Optional extras: Custom designs and specifications.



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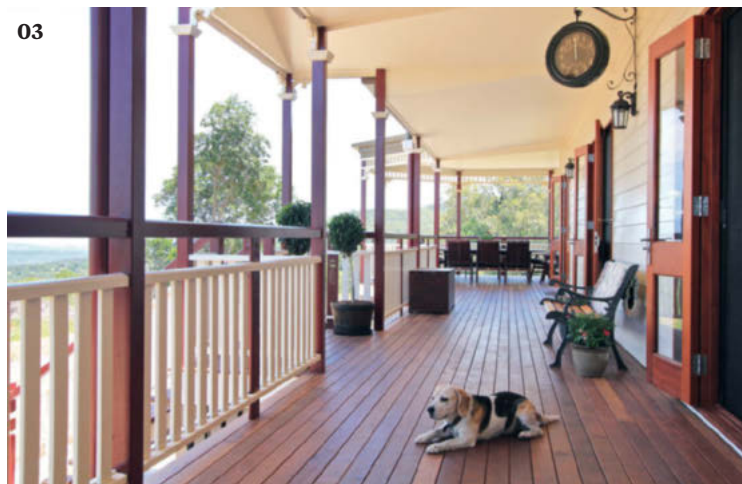
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# Versatility and charm

Catering to the modern family's lifestyle

The Rosewood home by Classic Kit Homes Australia is the ultimate family haven. Designed for both indoor and outdoor living, the open-plan layout and expansive wrap-around verandah, accessible from many rooms within the house, make this residence functional and charming.

Classic Kit Homes has considered all elements of the family lifestyle and accommodated accordingly, with living areas at opposite ends of the house. Perhaps the most striking

features of this enchanting home are the twin octagonal rotundas, located at each end of the house. While one acts as an extension of the verandah, creating the perfect space for outdoor entertaining, the other is used as the master bedroom. With an additional three bedrooms, heritage-tiled bathroom and ensuite and various living spaces, comfort and privacy are assured for all family members. Luxurious finishing touches to the home include polished timber floorboards

and carpeted bedrooms, as well as durable stone benchtops in the kitchen.

With inclusions ranked as silver, gold and platinum, and three price ranges to suit, Classic Kit Homes Australia offers a varied choice to its clients. Optional home extras include timber French doors leading out to the verandah, an opulent butterfly staircase or a timber valance around the verandah for added appeal. Those who want to take full advantage of the outdoor living spaces may choose





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- 01. The Rosewood home by Classic Kit Homes Australia.
- 02. With various living spaces, comfort and privacy are assured for all family members.
- 03. A wrap-around verandah adds a sense of classic charm.
- 04. Timber French doors open to the verandah, seamlessly blending indoors and out.
- 05. The Rosewood is designed for both indoor and outdoor living.
- 06. The ultimate family haven, this home is built with versatility and charm.
- 07. The home includes four beautiful bedrooms.

are extensive and flexible, with full phone support available during construction for added peace of mind.

Having won multiple awards over the years, including export recognition awards, Classic Kit Homes Australia is a company you can trust to provide quality, down-to-earth service that yields outstanding results.

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to include Brio retractable screens, perfect for stylishly screening French doors.

With its versatile design, The Rosewood truly is the perfect family abode.

#### COMPANY PROFILE

For the past 20 years, Classic Kit Homes has built an outstanding reputation for supplying high-

quality kit homes nationally and internationally, with kits sent around Australia, New Zealand, the Pacific Islands and even Central America. Family owned and operated, Classic Kit Homes Australia is proud to be an Australian company, supplying individually designed family homes.

All kit homes are unique, designed for their valued clients' needs. Inclusions and finishes



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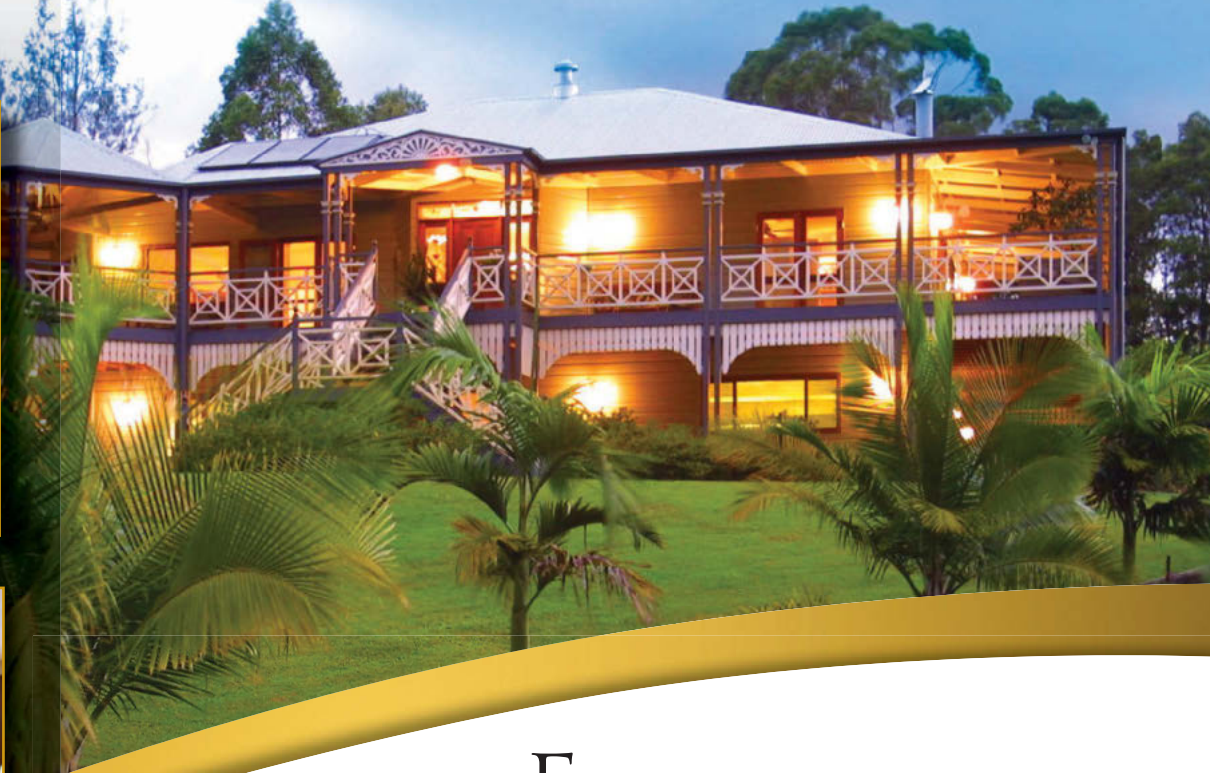
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**PROJECT PARTICULARS****Size:** 313 square metres.**Price:** The Rosewood is available in three price ranges: Silver Kit — \$123,800; Gold Kit — \$136,300; Platinum Kit — \$209,700.**Price includes:** Platinum — includes all materials to construct your home to lock-up plus internal plasterboard, skirtings, architraves, cornice and wardrobes as well as steel stumps with adjustable tops and a double floor system.**Accommodation:** Four bedrooms, family, dining, lounge, kitchen, ensuite, bathroom, laundry, verandahs with rotunda.**Special features:** Wrap-around verandah, master bedroom is in a rotunda, large octagonal rotunda verandah for outdoor living.**Optional extras:** Timber French doors onto verandah, timber windows, timber “valance” around verandah, butterfly staircase, frieze around top of rotunda, verandah roof is lined, Brio retractable screens which are perfect for screening French doors.





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# A class act

Established for more than 20 years, this dedicated building company has reached a new level of design excellence

**T**he people at Storybook Designer Homes are dedicated to producing beautiful residences. These projects are state-of-the-art, high-character design solutions at extremely competitive prices.

Clients have the option of choosing traditional, classic, beach or modern styles and regardless

of the building site — level, sloping or narrow — Storybook will create something special. Pictured are a few of the 2000 individual designs Storybook Designer Homes has created recently for its owner-builder clients.

The process of individual design does not depend only on the floorplan and external shape

- 01. Storybook residences are charming and state-of-the-art.
- 02. Homes can be built on all site types.
- 03. Clients can choose from traditional, classic, beach and modern styles.
- 04. Storybook's services are available in most areas throughout Australia.



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of the house. Rather, it is the total desired impression inside and out. The company started out by providing products to satisfy the cottage and traditional market, but quickly realised there was a huge need for more contemporary and coastal looks too. Today, Storybook is proud of its enthusiastic team and the beautiful homes it creates.

“Our clients come to us with a vision of the ambience they are hoping to create,” says founder Phil Malcolm. “It’s the driving force of our business to see that they get it. However, total involvement and commitment from the client is also desired, because only they have the

detailed understanding of the colours, textures and furnishings that will excite them. Our owner-builder system ensures this personal involvement, creating a greater likelihood of an exciting outcome.”

Storybook Designer Homes’ services are available in most areas throughout Australia. Visit the website to find your nearest office.

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# Living outside the square

Designed for energy efficiency and straightforward assembly, these homes are tailored to comply with any applicable bushfire-attack level

## THE RAL BUILDING SYSTEM

An alternative to traditional-style square housing, the RAL building system offers clients the flexibility to select from a series of eight components to create a home that accommodates individual requirements and allows home seekers to create a personal and individual reflection of their own lifestyle. The system gives homeowners the option of extending the home down the track by purchasing additional components and adding them to the existing home. These residences are mostly self-supporting, meaning non-load-bearing internal partition walls can be added or removed to create rooms as required. RAL's homes come in kits that are ready within 12 weeks from order. They often fit on one semi-trailer or shipping container and are delivered Australia-wide and overseas.

## BENEFITS OF THE RAL DESIGN

Low maintenance and structurally strong, RAL houses are very well insulated throughout the entire shell (walls, roof and floor). The curved design encourages a natural airflow preventing the typical problem of heat becoming trapped in ceiling corners. With a ceiling height of 3.063m in the centre, the RAL modules create plenty of liveable space and with the reduction of unnecessary ceiling

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area, the amount of airspace that needs to be heated and cooled is reduced by 20 per cent. Large attractive windows allow for full appreciation of views and when positioned with a northerly aspect, improve thermal efficiency.

The recessed leaf-free guttering system is ideal for catching rainwater and RAL houses are suitable for all current bushfire-attack levels, as per AS3959-2009 requirements. Pricing varies according to the applicable level.

#### COMPANY PROFILE

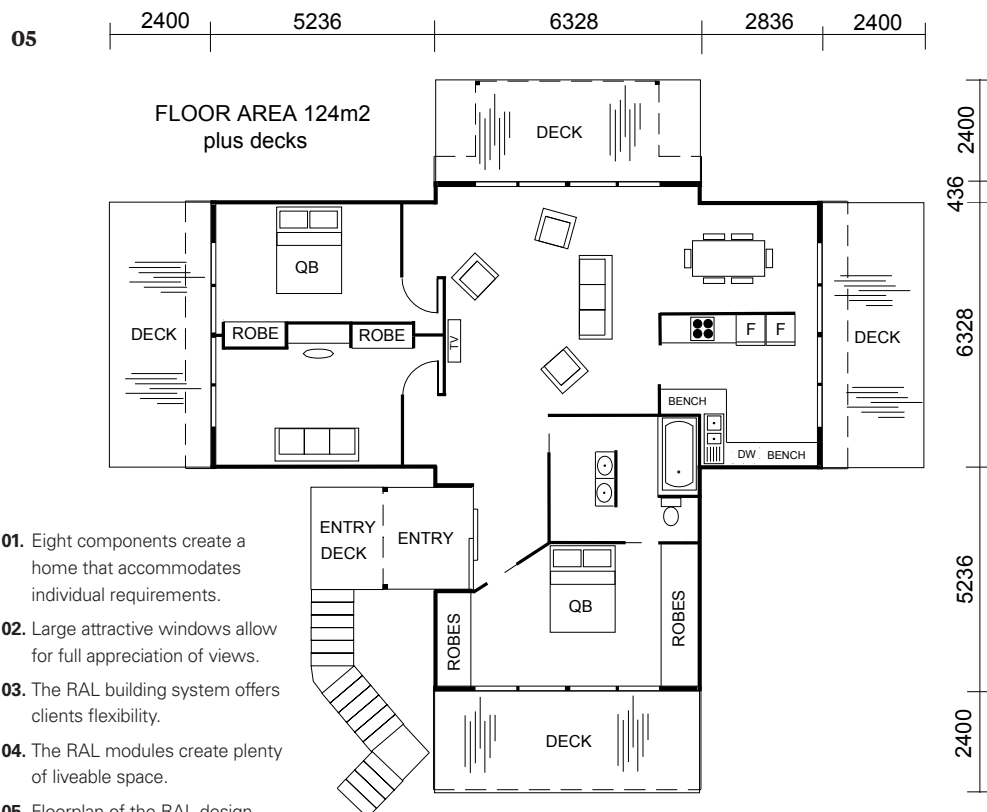
Family-owned and operated, RAL Homes was established in 1989. The company has an excellent reputation for customer service and ensures each client receives the assistance they need to create a home that suits their requirements and budget. RAL Homes provides ongoing advice and assistance throughout the planning process and after delivery of the kit.

RAL Homes strongly focuses on keeping its products as cost-effective as possible while maintaining a high level of quality and accuracy.

To make an appointment to visit RAL's display homes, call 03 5352 2352.

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01. Eight components create a home that accommodates individual requirements.
02. Large attractive windows allow for full appreciation of views.
03. The RAL building system offers clients flexibility.
04. The RAL modules create plenty of liveable space.
05. Floorplan of the RAL design.

#### PROJECT PARTICULARS

**Size:** 124m<sup>2</sup> excluding decking.

**Price inclusions:** Three bedrooms, each with built-in robes, one bathroom, kitchen and an open-plan living area. All materials required to finish the house to lock-up stage, including internal 12mm plywood lining, sub-floor lining and double-glazed windows.

**Optional extras:** Interior items, deck verandahs, matching carport.



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# Endless possibility

Embrace a truly unique living experience with a distinctive Alternate Dwellings home

Capturing the essence of Australian life on the land with its sprawling verandahs and meandering decks, Alternate Dwellings' ever-popular designs bring all the comforts of modern homestead living together in one smart building package.

The Alternate Dwellings team is passionate about creating your vision — whether this is your dream home, perfect holiday getaway house, or uniquely designed “sea change” or “tree change” build. Alternate Dwellings is a home builder as well as a kit-home supplier. By providing both styles under one roof, the company ensures clients can best decide which option is most suitable for them.

Wherever you choose to build, Alternate Dwellings can offer its services all over Victoria, New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory. You are given the freedom to create your home your way. A wide range of architecturally designed styles and sizes to suit any need or budget is available, or a custom design can be created and built for you to suit your specific needs. Floorplans and finish details are flexible to suit any site no matter how difficult the terrain.

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The freedom to manage your own builder or have Alternate Dwellings arrange the construction for you makes choosing and building a new home easier and more flexible. The choices are endless when it comes to the range of windows, verandahs, decking, board types, stair kits and timber treatments. The breadth of options is matched by the number of build items that comes standard, including handcrafted colonial windows, Colorbond roofing and spouting, solid-timber stair kit and upstairs sheet flooring on all loft designs.

Creating a 100 per cent Australian product, Alternate Dwellings makes everything from the raw materials to the finishing touches at its factory in Morwell, Victoria. The company works with its clients, adapting beautiful architectural designs to suit each individual. This personalised service, together with its experience, ensures all Alternate Dwellings clients are provided with builds that provide the look, feel and finish they are after.

### COMPANY PROFILE

Alternate Dwellings staff offer a friendly and personalised service to ensure they are with their clients every step of the way, striving to ensure each element of the customer's vision is met.

A fourth-generation building family since 1920, Alternate Dwellings' unique building system and manufacturing process have been refined over many years to produce the homes and barns it is famed for today. From charming bed-and-breakfast cottages to expansive homesteads, Alternate Dwellings has something perfect for you.

Discover the Alternate Dwellings difference online or by calling your nearest agent or display centre.

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01. The Kornella home and Old Mill barn.

02. The Westerner.

03. The Highlander and its magnificent verandahs.

04. Inside the Westerner — modern kitchens filled with charm.

05. Inside the Westerner — luxurious bedroom designs.







# Stylish and spacious living

Perfect for the owner builder

For those looking for a hands-on approach to their new home, a Wide Span Homes kit is the way to go. The company offers an extensive range of steel kit buildings, with designs created for the owner-builder. Being an owner-builder offers tremendous flexibility as you are in control of the ultimate look of your home. You get to choose your preferred suppliers and all products necessary for fit-out. You also achieve a great sense of accomplishment. This building concept is generally not suited to those looking for an all-in-one building package.

The Wide Span Homes range delivers stylish yet functional living spaces, with open-plan designs ideal for the family or holiday home at competitive prices.

The featured Aussie Retreat is an example of the high-quality designs the company offers. Entering through the front door, residents step

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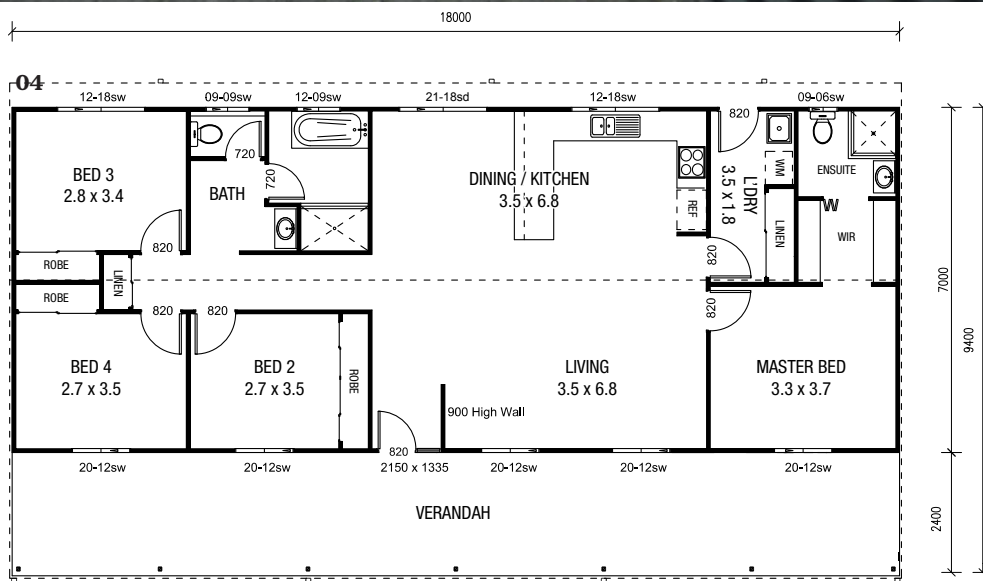






**Optional extras:** BlueScope Steel COLORBOND® roof sheeting, raised flooring system (600mm), 2.4m rear verandah, removal of external wall sheeting, mirror reversed plans also available.

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into the open-plan dining area, kitchen and living space — all cleverly set at the heart of the home to create a welcoming aesthetic and an ideal entertainment spot. Three or four bedrooms are included with the master bedroom being a luxurious space with a walk-in robe that leads to an ensuite. The bedrooms all face out onto the verandah for picturesque views of your property. The master sits at one end of the home with the other bedrooms on the opposite end, creating a greater sense of space. Available in three sizes the Aussie Retreat is ideal for the growing family.

Wide Span Homes is the kit home arm of Wide Span Sheds that provides a range of stylish,



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# Ultimate flexibility

Choose an existing design or alter one to fit your needs — the choice is yours

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## THE FREEDOM SERIES

Offers a large collection of medium-sized home designs up to 292.5m<sup>2</sup>. They are ideal for large families wanting room to move.

## THE PRESTIGE SERIES

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Kitome's main point of difference is flexibility. The company understands that everyone has different wants and needs, so a design that works for one person may not work as well for another. That's why the team at Kitome say, "Build your own dream home, not someone else's."

Kitome has more than 50 home designs to choose from but the company is just as happy to alter its designs to fit your needs. If you like the plan but want higher ceilings, larger or more rooms, it doesn't matter. If it can be done, Kitome

will make it happen or their staff will work with you to develop a unique design.

Kitome is a customer-oriented company and takes pride in its reliability, professionalism and quality. The company has organised its home designs into three exciting series:

## THE GABLE SERIES

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**01.** One of Kitome's custom-designed kits sits perfectly among the orchard trees.

**02.** Spacious living areas are great for growing families.

**03.** Kitchens include all the trimmings.

**04.** The Kensington, from the Prestige Series.

**05.** The Glenbrook, from the Freedom Series.

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Modular Buildings





# Prefabricated, modular and manufactured homes

If you want to avoid the worry and waiting associated with building your own home, consider a pre-fabricated, modular or manufactured dwelling



**P**refabricated, manufactured and modular homes offer practical solutions to a range of building challenges. Their environmental benefits, flexibility and cost-efficiency make them an attractive building option for a variety of different housing needs.

Prefabricated dwellings are constructed and assembled off-site in factories, then delivered to the location on a truck. This is great for the environment as it reduces the need for mass excavation and ensures little or no disturbance to existing vegetation around your land.

Homeowners can also take advantage of existing houses on their land by renting them out or living in the home until the prefabricated dwelling is ready to be delivered.

Modular homes also give owners the bonus of being able to add on modules for an easy extension. Modules can often be added to the top of a specially engineered lower module or an existing residence to create a second storey, or even to the sides of a home to make it wider or longer.





# Prefab possibilities

A quick, affordable and sustainable extension

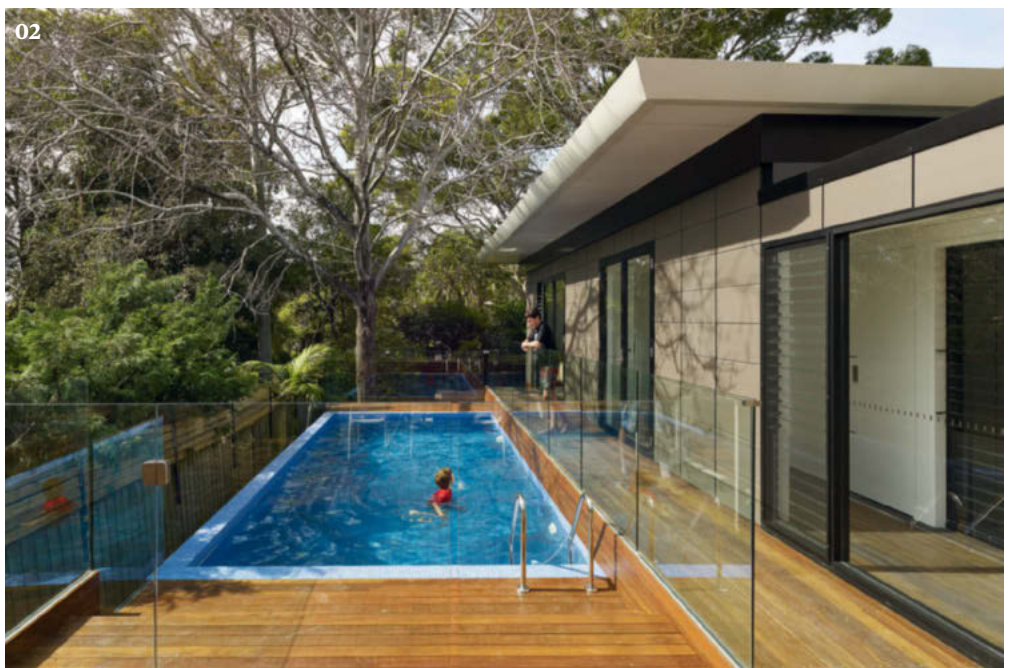
For Fiona and Stuart Frith, a prefabricated modular system was the ideal choice for the renovation of their home in Castlecrag, New South Wales. The couple had prior renovating experience but wanted something affordable, quick and sustainable this time round. A prefabricated build seemed the obvious choice.

They were referred to Oxide Design, which specialises in prefabricated building techniques to suit different sites. Owner Rohan Little, who has 23 years of design and construction experience, worked closely with the couple to achieve their dream.

The design brief was for a modern architectural extension to create a parents' retreat that would include a main bedroom, bathroom and walk-in robe, a large new deck and a swimming pool — all on a tight budget

- 01. The finished house is a spectacular modern design.
- 02. The renovation included a parents' retreat, large deck and swimming pool.

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03. All building components except the pool decking boards were prefabricated.

04. Overall, the Frith family saved around 25 per cent of a conventional build in time and labour costs.

and with minimal building time. Fiona and Stuart also wanted a modern design with a high level of detail and finish. "It was important that it did not look like a prefab or kit home" to reflect the quality of houses in the area, they said.

Oxide Design's building system utilises a series of components that allow for a number of configurations to suit clients' needs. Once a brief was established, Oxide Design provided a general layout that matched the couple's site and extra elements were either added or subtracted. "The tiles for the exterior walls were a personal preference — they came in boxes that slotted onto the prefab walls," explain Fiona and Stuart. "Once the ground works were complete, including the pool, it did not take long for the building to reach





lock-up. We saved about 25 per cent of a traditional build in time and money."

According to Rohan, labour costs are an expensive component of building in Sydney. "Prefabrication reduces the time on site and therefore the labour cost," he says. "Reduction in labour costs also reduces the inconvenience of having builders in your backyard each day while you're trying to live in the existing house."

The result of this renovation is a stunning modern extension positioned towards the front of the west-to-east-running site that took only three

months to complete. The extension stretches to the east, opening fully to the timber deck and pool and capturing the northern light and forest views. A glass-sided walkway was used to connect the original home to the new extension, creating a protected courtyard off the kitchen.

"The system allows for a passive-design house with overhanging eaves for summer sun protection (and rain), northern glazed sections, cross ventilation and high insulation qualities. LED lights are used throughout to create a dramatic effect. The exterior material has a 70-

year warranty, manufactured under strict controls in Germany," says Rohan.

The home also incorporates several sustainable features including water tanks that harvest water for the garden, washing machine and toilets, and solar heating for the pool, which allows swimming for 10 months of the year in perfect water temperature. The swimming pool also helps cool the house through evaporative cooling in summer.

When asked about their new extension, the couple simply said, "We love it!"

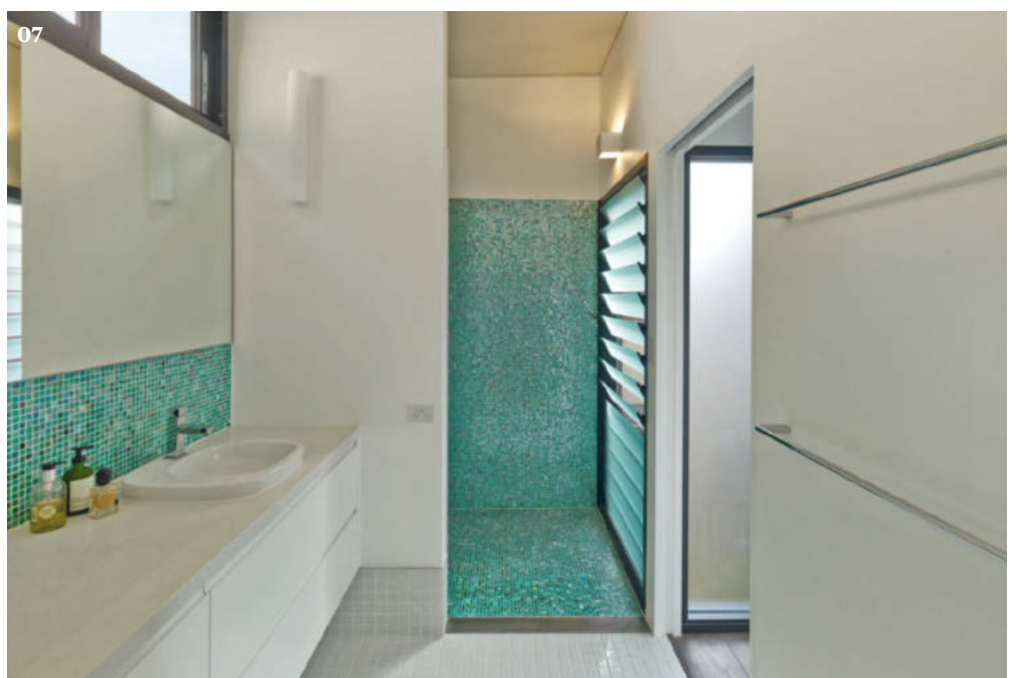
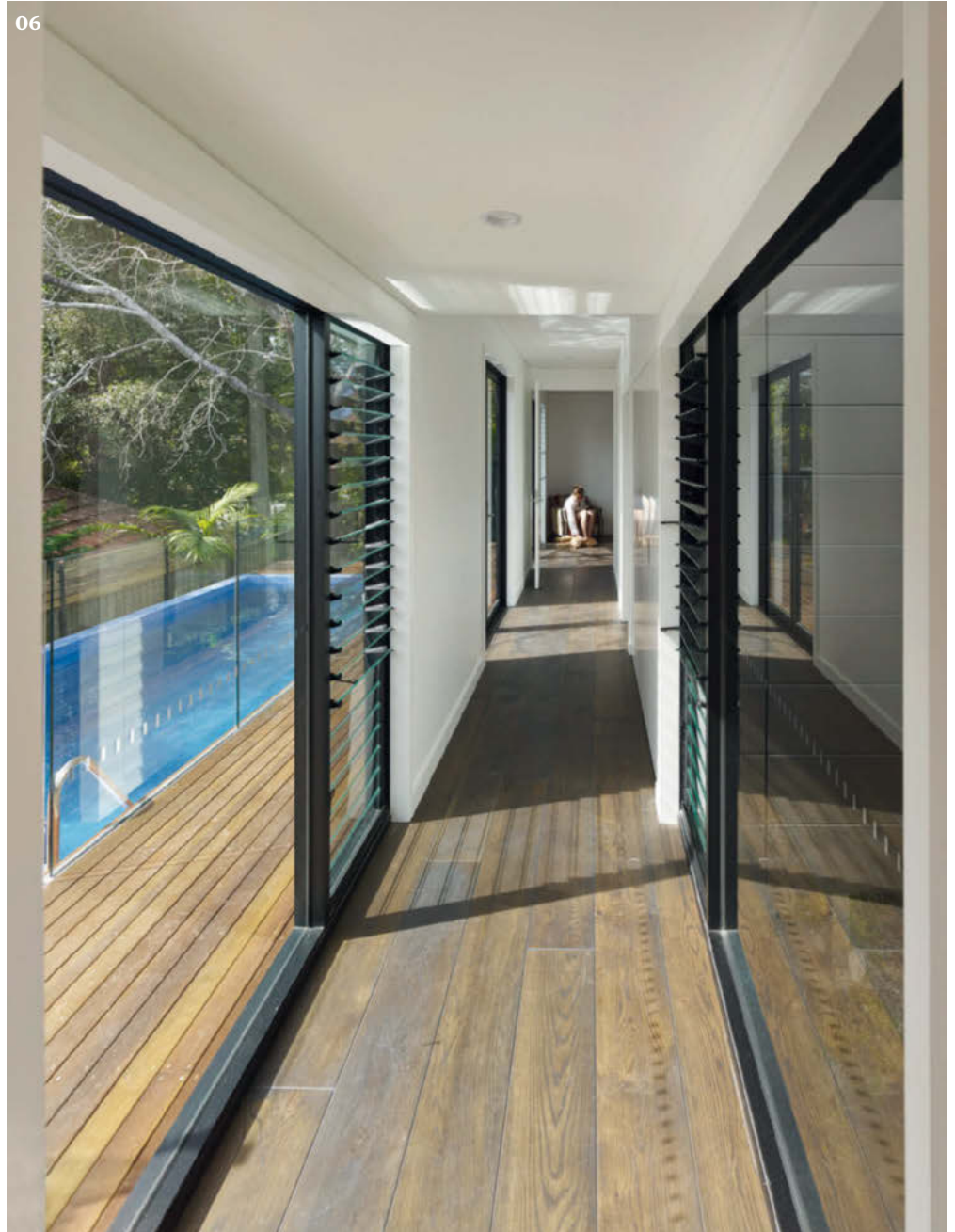




05. Exterior material has a 70-year warranty.

06. LED lights are incorporated throughout the home.

07. The contemporary pool house bathroom.







# Breezy country style

A home built for living

The owners of this Hunter Valley home wanted a house that would reflect the relaxed lifestyle synonymous with country living. They enlisted the help of Manor, whose featured design, the Barossa, from the Vineyard series, truly fits the bill.

The home captures the friendly country vibe with a welcoming front entry porch and decked back porch, perfect for summer barbecues. The spacious 250m<sup>2</sup> home provides plenty of room for family and guests, boasting a contemporary kitchen with open meals area, three bedrooms, master bedroom with ensuite and walk-in robe, lounge area, two bathrooms and double carport.

Manor prides itself on providing its clients with beautiful homes of high quality. This featured residence is no exception, with stunning raked ceilings, timber floors and modern appliances adding a sense of style and character to the home.

Staying true to the Manor maxim — “built for living” — the Barossa home is complete with PC

items, shower screens, floor coverings, window furnishings, light fittings and paint work so the home owner can move into their home easily and efficiently.

## COMPANY PROFILE

For more than 20 years, Manor has been constructing system-built homes that sit in harmony with their surroundings, maximising the beauty of the environment and using natural light to create

sun-drenched spaces that seamlessly connect indoor and outdoor living. Affordable, efficient and beautiful, each home can be tailored to suit your individual budget and lifestyle.

Manor is committed to ensuring your journey to your new home is smooth and stress-free. The friendly team will help you navigate council procedures and finance approvals, communicate honestly and regularly throughout the construction phase and help you with anything you need once you have moved in.

## PROJECT PARTICULARS

**Price:** \$261,210.

**Size:** 20.4m x 12.0m (250.8m<sup>2</sup>).

**Price includes:** Kitchen, robes, painting, PC items, tiling, shower screens, floor coverings, window furnishings, light fittings, double carport, front porch and back deck (excluding handrail and ceiling).

**Accommodation:** 4 bedrooms, study, 2 bathrooms.

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01. The Barossa (Vineyard series).

02. The home features a contemporary kitchen and meals area.

03. Floorplan of the Barossa home (Vineyard series).

04. A fully decked back porch is perfect for entertaining.



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# Together as one

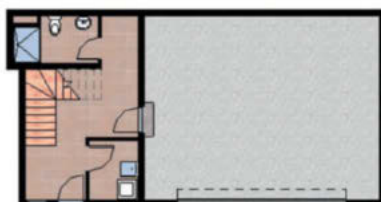
Two stunning family holiday homes sit side by side in Jindabyne

When two sisters decided they wanted to make their family ski holidays extra-special, they enlisted the help of Parkwood Modular Buildings. The decision was made to share the site in Jindabyne and create two ski homes — “The Elements” — side by side so that the sisters and their respective families could share their good times together in the snow. The homes would be used by the families during the holidays, so the sisters wanted to offer them as rental properties at other times of the year. The result is a unique space where the two families now enjoy time together without being under each other’s feet, as well as a rental location for large groups.

A local builder was first employed to construct a double garage, entry foyer and staircase to the lower level of each home. Parkwood Modular Buildings then transported the modular sections directly from its factory on the Central Coast down to Jindabyne. The various sections were craned into position and the homes were delivered to lock-up stage within a day. They were then fully completed with final painting and finishes in a short period of time, ready for the bumper 2014 ski season.

The modules were custom-designed for each home, with exteriors remaining much the same

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Lower Floor Plan

and interiors designed to reflect the unique styles of each sister. Each home includes four bedrooms with two large bathrooms and separate WC both upstairs and downstairs, designer kitchens and spacious lounge/dining areas that open onto tiled decks with views over Lake Jindabyne and snowy, picturesque surrounds.



Upper Floor Plan

Each sister chose specific optional extras to suit her style, including flooring, under-floor heating, feature ceilings in the living areas and extra insulation.

The sisters welcome any enquiries for bookings, which can be made by contacting [facebook.com/theelementsjindabyne](https://facebook.com/theelementsjindabyne). The



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properties offer a fantastic opportunity to “try before you buy” a modular home while enjoying a beautiful winter resort.

#### COMPANY PROFILE

Parkwood Modular Buildings is a company with a strong philosophy of client satisfaction and sound project management. With more than 26 years of experience in the industry and a plethora of industry awards for creative and

environmental projects, Parkwood Modular Buildings continues to provide high-quality, affordable and environmentally efficient housing.

Parkwood Modular Buildings takes advantage of the new, innovative materials now being introduced into the Australian housing market. With the ever-increasing cost of onsite construction, the responsibilities of OH&S compliance and cost demands to design environmentally efficient housing, the company

**01.** Exteriors were similarly designed, with interiors reflecting the unique style of each sister.

**02.** Lower and upper floorplans.

**03.** Home interiors were designed with the highest-quality finishes.

**04.** Interiors were designed to suit each sister.

**05.** Open living and dining areas are perfect for the two families to enjoy time together.



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**06.** The homes sit by side overlooking Lake Jindabyne.

**07.** The homes are also used as rental properties for large groups.

#### PROJECT PARTICULARS

**Size:** 156m<sup>2</sup>.

**Price:** Under \$500,000 for each four-bedroom home.

**Price includes:** Completed home delivered and installed to Jindabyne.

**Accommodation:** Each home includes four bedrooms with two large bathrooms, separate WC upstairs and downstairs, enormous kitchens and spacious lounge/dining areas opening onto a large tiled deck.

**Optional extras:** Underfloor heating, feature panelled Cathedral ceilings in the living areas, double-glazed windows, extra insulation and snow loading

has refined its construction methods to the benefit of its clients. With smart material handling, dry storage of materials and a consistent, experienced workforce, Parkwood Modular Buildings has the foundation for any great project.

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# Compact meets crafty

The perfect home for relaxation and entertaining

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The Nicholson, by Todd Devine Homes, is the perfect holiday lifestyle choice. A rustic and easily maintainable home, it was purposely designed for the young, or young at heart, with entertaining a prime focus of the design. With 162m<sup>2</sup> of living space, this compact, sassy home radiates carefree summertime living, but includes the little luxuries that make it the perfect relaxation escape.

The prefabricated home accommodates three spacious bedrooms, living and dining zone and a large alfresco area. French doors open up to the master bedroom and a sliding corner glass door to the living area, promoting spaciousness and easy-access living.

The skillion-roof design is right on trend, along with the mixing of materials, rectangular windows

and complementing neutral colours. These bring the outdoor facade to life, creating the perfect backdrop for a low-maintenance front garden.

The external Newport weatherboards cladding by James Hardie features rendered and Colorbond, Merbau wood and stone, along with powder-coated aluminium windows. This adds to the angular design, with hardwood posts and decking leading to a solid feature entry door.

The home comes fully painted inside and out with all plumbing fixtures and fittings included, as well as dual shower heads in the walk-in shower. With a six-star energy rating, the home has been cleverly designed and offers all the trimmings.

Caesarstone benchtops with waterfall ends

and glass splashbacks add to the glamour of the family hub area in the kitchen, with a built-in pantry and fridge provision. The laundry and bathrooms also have Caesarstone benchtops with the home's floor coverings consisting of bamboo floorboards in the living, kitchen and dining areas and carpet welcoming you into the bedrooms and hallway.

All of the company's homes can include optional extras, such as larger decks, carports, alternate facades and heating and cooling packages.

## PROJECT PARTICULARS

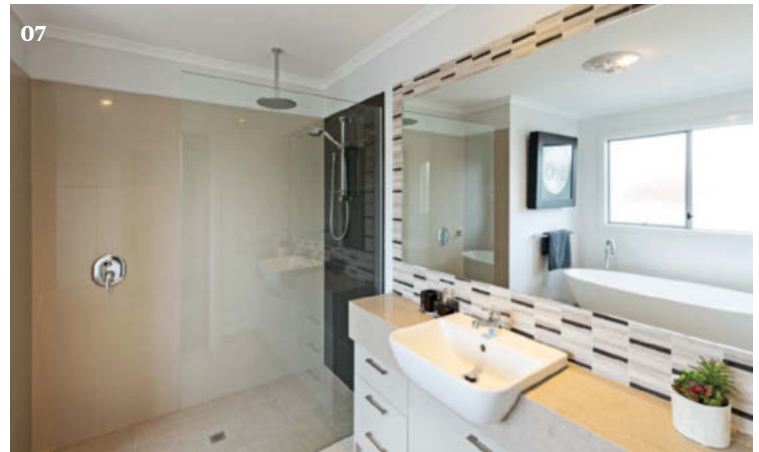
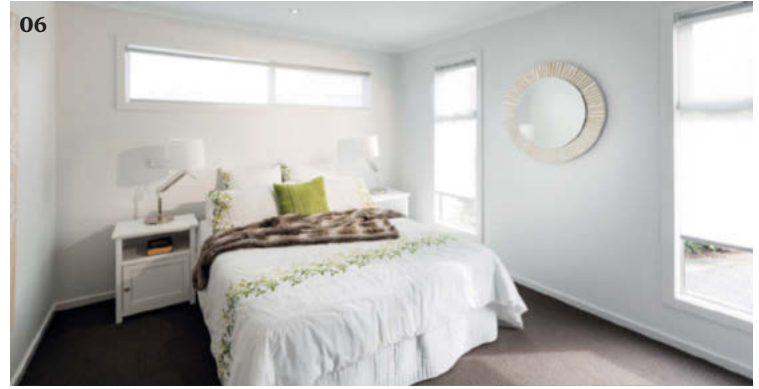
**Size:** 162m<sup>2</sup> including living/dining space with large alfresco area, three spacious bedrooms, walk-in wardrobe, bathroom and ensuite to master bedroom, laundry.

**Price:** \$252,690 delivered to any-level class 'M' site within 200km from the Todd Devine Homes construction facility in Lang Lang, Vic.

**Price includes:** Skillion-roof design with raked ceiling, Colorbond roof with powder-coated aluminium windows, external cladding, Newport weatherboards, Merbau wood and stone features to the front facade, Caesarstone benchtops, glass splashbacks to ensuite, kitchen and laundry, bamboo flooring to living areas, large walk-in shower to main bathroom and 7.8KW inverter air conditioner.

**Optional extras:** Larger decks, carports, alternate facades and heating/cooling packages.





- 01. Colorbond roof with powder-coated aluminium windows with insect screens.
- 02. The home features fully painted interior and exterior with gloss enamel to internal trim.
- 03. Fully decked verandah and porch serve as great areas for entertaining.
- 04. The kitchen includes beautiful Caesarstone benchtops and glass splashbacks.
- 05. Floorplan of the Nicholson.
- 06. The design includes three spacious bedrooms.
- 07. Contemporary-styled bathrooms.

### COMPANY PROFILE

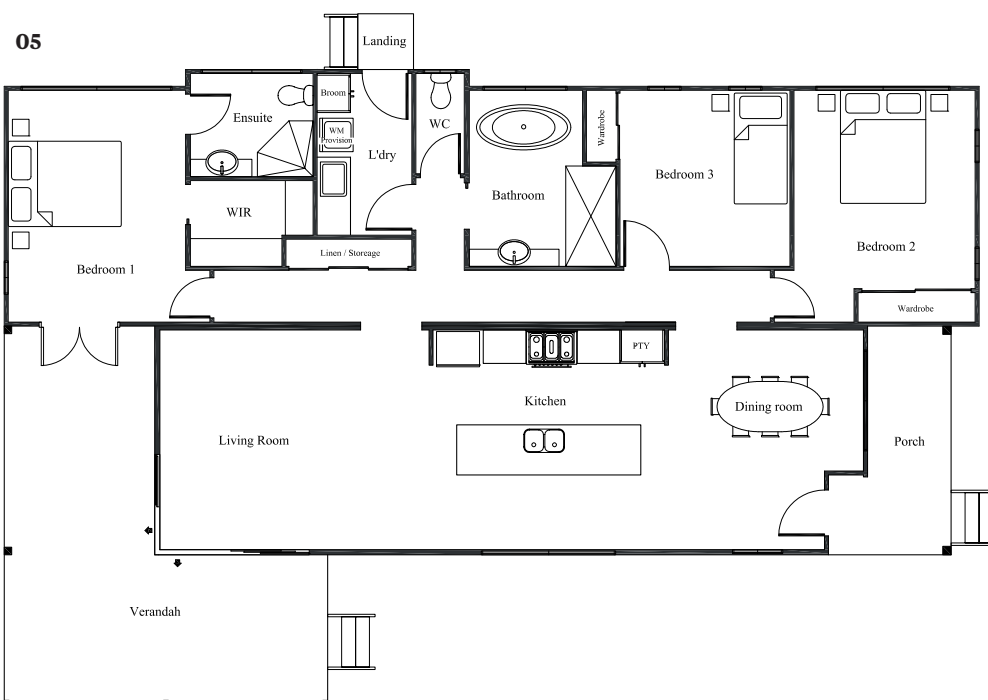
Todd Devine Homes is a leader in the design and construction of high-quality, transportable homes, relocatable park homes, tourist accommodation and relative units (more commonly known as granny flats), providing unique living solutions for families throughout Victoria since 2002.

With more than 30 years' experience, company director Todd Devine brings a wealth of knowledge and extensive expertise to the process of home building so you can rest assured you are in reliable hands.

From the totally affordable to the luxurious, each Todd Devine home is as unique as the family that lives in it. Whether you prefer a standard design or one built to suit your individual needs, site-built or transportable, Todd Devine Homes offers personalised solutions at an affordable price to give you the right home at the right time — for every stage of life.

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# Style and practicality

Built for the ultimate lifestyle

## PROJECT PARTICULARS

**Price:** \$276,425.

**Price includes:** Double-glazed windows, under-floor insulation, carpet, curtains, light fittings and a split-system, reverse-cycle air-conditioner.

**Optional extras:** Multiple cladding to the perimeter, fixed-glass shower screens, glass splashback in kitchen and timber-look tiles in the family, meals and kitchen areas.

The Contempo 3 by Swanbuild Homes will catch your eye with its striking, contemporary design and combination of outdoor finishes and modern straight lines. Swanbuild has designed the Contempo 3 to be just like its name, modern and contemporary with an electric splash of colour, bringing vibrancy that can be incorporated throughout the interior of the home.

Boasting three bedrooms all with built-in robes, two bathrooms, a lounge and family room with

walk-in pantry, the home has been designed and conceptualised around open-plan living.

An array of optional extras is available to enhance the individual owner's unique sensibilities. These include multiple cladding to the perimeter, fixed-glass shower screens, glass, kitchen splashback and timber-look tiles in the family, meals and kitchen areas.

The Contempo 3 is not the sort of home that will be lost in its surrounds, but instead will stand as a feature in the street. Swanbuild





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- 01. Swanbuild guarantees building quality is second to none.
- 02. Combining different textures to the interior design creates a contemporary and modern feel.
- 03. Optional extras include timber-look tiles in the family, meals and kitchen areas.
- 04. An outdoor area is perfect for entertaining.
- 05. The design is spacious, great for growing families.
- 06. The master bedroom is complete with walk-in robe.
- 07. Floorplan of the Contempo 3.
- 08. Modern bathroom design.

Homes has incorporated a split skillion roof to the Contempo 3 design, a vital element to bring light and life into the spacious, open-living design from every angle. The design can be further enhanced with complementing landscaping and shrubbery to the abstract facade.

Swanbuild really has done the research for you, developing relocatable homes with style and practicality. All Swanbuild residences can be built on sloping sites. Complete packages for disabled owners can also be provided. Each home is complete with a seven-year structural guarantee, 12-month maintenance period, and all appliance warranties taken care of.

For owners looking to make a statement in their neighbourhood, look no further than the Contempo 3.

## COMPANY PROFILE

Family-owned and -operated, Swanbuild Homes is a fully licensed building firm with more than 30 years of experience in the building industry. The company specialises in the highest-quality transportable buildings, with everything from deluxe, prestige estates and practical custom-built homes to small, modern weekend retreats, with the option of extending later. New double-storey homes have also been added to the company's extensive range of designs.

As well as offering more than 50 standard designs, Swanbuild specialises in custom-built designs to meet your specifications. The company's continuing product development means you benefit from refreshingly different ideas and features.



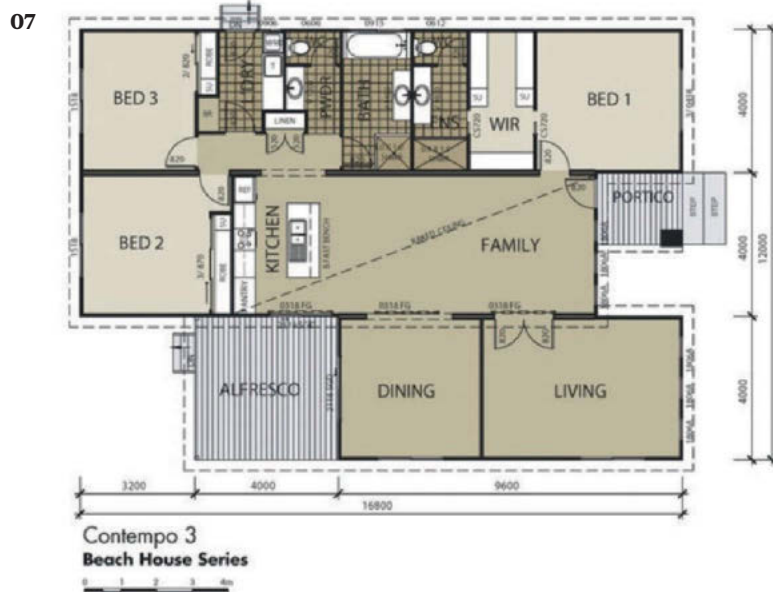


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When choosing Swanbuild, you are guaranteed that the building quality is second to none. The efficient manufacturing process makes certain that clients needn't worry about a long and difficult building period as homes are constructed in a purpose-built manufacturing plant before being transported to the site. No time is lost due to bad weather, on-site vandalism or pilfering and there is the added bonus of knowing exactly when you will be moving in, without the hassle of a huge clean-up after building is complete.

Swanbuild offers a free site inspection valued at more than \$250 to potential clients and, for as little as \$2300, the company will pencil you into its building schedule and lodge all your plans with the council to get your project rolling.

Have your home built how you want it, where you want it and by a definite date. Swanbuild Homes is the undercover building specialist and offers a seven-year warranty with a 12-month maintenance period.

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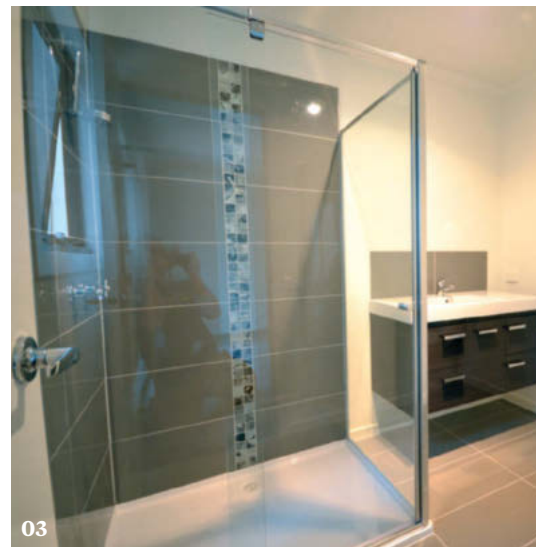
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01. The Sorrento.

02. The living area boasts a double sliding door, which allows light to stream through the home.

03. The house contains an ensuite to the master bedroom.



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#### PROJECT PARTICULARS

**Size:** 14 squares.**Price:** \$157,000.**Price includes:** Hot-water services, oven, stove, rangehood, floor coverings, paint and downlights. Delivery within Victoria is also included in the price.**Optional extras:** Laminate timber flooring, seven-star energy rating, stone benchtops, alternate cladding options.

# The perfect combination

Natural light and uninterrupted views make this the ideal home

The Sorrento by Snowgum Homes is crafted in the company's purpose-built facility to the highest-quality standards before being delivered to the site complete and ready to move into. It is a three-bedroom home that comes with walk-in robes to all bedrooms, an ensuite to the master bedroom and a semi-ensuite to the other two bedrooms.

Snowgum Homes designed The Sorrento so that it would be perfect for anyone — couples, singles and large families. It has a spacious kitchen with a 900mm upright oven, a large pantry and an island bench that allows for extra bench space or a breakfast bar. There is also a separate laundry with linen closet.

The large living area boasts a raked ceiling and comes with a 4.8m double sliding door, which allows light to stream through the home and opens it to the outside for entertaining. A corner

window at the front of the house allows for uninterrupted views wherever you may be.

The Sorrento can be clad using a variety of finishes including Colorbond, SHADOWclad, weatherboard and timber, all of which utilise Alucobond trimmings.

The benefits of pre-fabricated homes include no weather delays, no unreliable tradespeople and no construction mess. If you are living in a country or beachside area and require a no-fuss house or a holiday home built on a budget, this is the home for you.

#### COMPANY PROFILE

Snowgum Homes is a Melbourne-based company specialising in the building of quality re-locatable homes. Products are manufactured strictly to Australian standards and the latest energy-efficiency guidelines and use only the

best-quality materials. This ensures the final product is built to the highest standard both structurally and aesthetically.

Snowgum Homes has been in business for nine years. It is a family-owned company that brings together more than 30 years' experience in the building industry. As registered building practitioners, the people at Snowgum Homes can custom-build to any plan or can design a home to specifically suit your needs.

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# THE HORIZON

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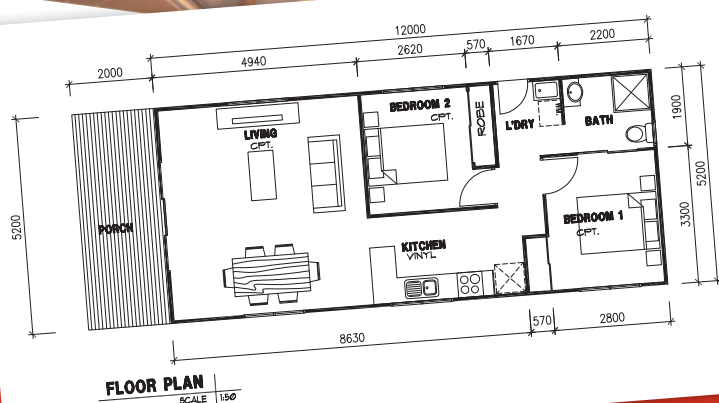
Colorbond or vinyl cladding. Colorbond roofing & gutters. 10 degree pitched roof. Galvanised steel sub-frame. 22mm flooring. 2400mm ceiling height. Aluminium windows with fly screens. Instantaneous gas hot water service. Stainless steel 600mm upright stove. Stainless steel slide-out rangehood. Laminate kitchen & benchtops. Tiled splashback. Flickmixer taps throughout. Ceramic dual flush toilet. Tiled shower. IXL 3-in-1 heater in bathroom. Smoke detector. Fully painted. Two pac finish vanity. 2700w glass sliding door. Semi-commercial vinyl, carpet, tile or laminate floor coverings.



If you are looking for a pre-fabricated home that is big on value then the Horizon is perfect for you. This plan is perfect for a multitude of uses, from holiday parks and beach getaways to granny flats, dependant persons units or dwellings in the countryside, its versatility is what sets it apart from others.

This plan offers two spacious bedrooms equipped with fully fit-out robes and the option of either carpet or vinyl flooring. Another feature is the front porch area featuring an aesthetically pleasing exposed rafter construction, creating a spacious feel. The unit also contains a bathroom with shower, WC and vanity with floor tiles as standard. The Horizon also features a European style laundry with a rear entry door.

This pre-fabricated home is crafted in our purpose built facility to the highest quality standards then delivered to your preferred site complete and ready to move into. No weather delays, no unreliable tradesman, no mess. On your site, ready for use and made to suit your needs.



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- 01. The Cambridge design by Make Home Solutions.
- 02. A large window is featured in the main living area.
- 03. Plenty of natural light is incorporated in the master bedroom.
- 04. An expansive deck is a great space for entertaining.
- 05. Three bedrooms are included in the design.
- 06. The home features a stylish open-plan kitchen.
- 07. High-quality bathroom fixtures provide a streamlined look.

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#### PROJECT PARTICULARS

**Price:** \$123,690.

**Price includes:** Fully finished including a combination of Colorbond and James Hardy claddings, double-glazed windows, kitchen with appliances, floor coverings, paint and light fittings. For a detailed list of inclusions contact Make Home Solutions.

**Size:** 10.2m<sup>2</sup>.

**Accommodation:** Three bedrooms, walk-in laundry, bathroom with shower and a bath, separate toilet.

**Optional extras:** Timber flooring, stone benchtops, higher ceilings, square-set plaster, lacquered woodwork, split-level housing, gas, electric or wood fire heating options, solar power, floor-to-ceiling tiles in bathrooms, walk-in shower bay, alternative cladding options.

# For new beginnings

A stylish, low-maintenance design with ultimate street appeal

For a home that will fit perfectly into any neighbourhood, the Cambridge by Make Home Solutions is the definitive choice. With a design that is both beautiful and welcoming, this residence will create a feel-good ambience every time the owners come home.

When entering through the delightful red front door, you're greeted with a welcoming open-plan

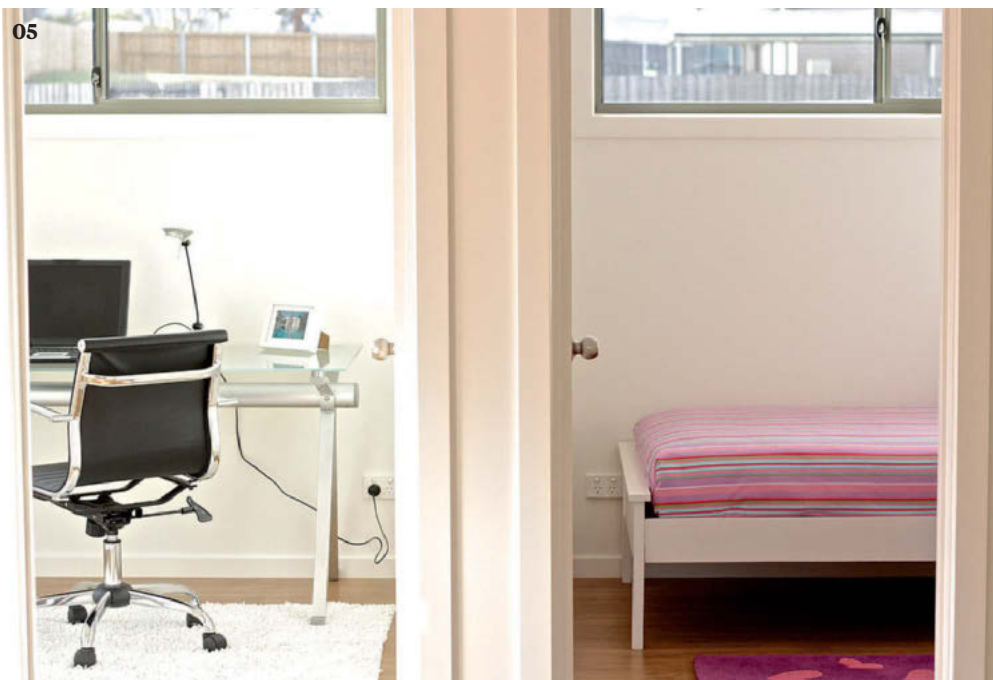
living space. Stunning lacquered-timber-laminate floors and quaint Antique White walls and woodwork set a charming tone in the main living space, making it the heart of the home.

A kitchen is set to the back of the space with a roomy pantry with push-open doors; it includes power points for microwaves, toasters and other appliances. A utility and storage area

is also included to keep clutter out of sight. Tiled splashbacks complete the modern kitchen design.

Raked ceilings create a dynamic flow between the kitchen and living area. Narrow windows, including two wide highlight windows in the living room module, bring in the northern sun and keep the living area bright all day. A large window in the dining area is included to maximise natural light.





A corridor off the main area leads to three bedrooms, a laundry and bathroom. The main bedroom features a built-in cupboard that extends the length of room, providing ample storage space and enough room to tuck away a computer desk.

The single bathroom includes a bath, shower and toilet; there's a separate guest toilet. Within the bathroom, bedrooms and toilet, cut-outs in the plaster are ideal for showcasing collectibles or family pictures.

A large range of optional extras can be added to the design depending on your style and individual requirements. These include timber flooring, stone benchtops, higher ceilings, square-set plaster, lacquered woodwork, split-level housing, gas, electric or wood fire heating options, solar power, floor-to-ceiling tiles in bathrooms, walk-in shower bay and alternative cladding options. Whatever you desire, Make Home Solutions has the solution for you.

#### COMPANY PROFILE

Make Home Solutions is a local family business in Tasmania, manufacturing high-quality homes for the past 10 years. As a family-oriented business, the team understands that building a new home can be stressful and strives to make the process the most positive and pleasurable experience, from concept to completion.

Through initial consultation at your convenience, in or outside of business hours, the team explore all of the possibilities for your new dream home. Regardless of your budget or style, they can design a home to suit your requirements. Once on paper, the Make Home Solutions team get to work on your house, managing the entire project from start to finish.

Make Home Solutions is a member of the HIA (Housing Industry Association), giving you peace of mind that your home will be constructed to the highest quality and comply with all relevant building codes.

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# Stylish, contemporary living

A compact design with room to move

If you're looking for a home that has everything, look no further than this Glendale Homes residence. The featured factory display home embraces everything the modern lifestyle could desire, including quick and affordable installation time.

All of Glendale Homes' products are constructed in the company's large factory, ensuring consistent quality and reliability. Homes are built to completion and transported directly to the desired site, which means installation only takes between five to 10 days. This home is no exception, built in two separate modules connected by a breezeway and serviced by multi-fold doors. The design is ready for occupation once installed.

The breezeway acts as a focal point of this design, providing an almost seamless relationship between indoor and outdoor living. As well as this, the breakup of the two modules creates a divide between the main living areas and master bedroom, a great solution for growing families and essentially providing parents with a parents' wing. Alternatively, the second module can even act as a separate guest-house space.

Module one includes a bedroom with walk-in robe, two-way bathroom, open-plan kitchen and living area, and separate front verandah. A large bay-window seat with storage below features in the living area and is a clever way to allow additional natural light into the airy living

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area. Module two includes the second bedroom with WIR and ensuite, and front verandah. Both modules are complete with stunning Sydney bluegum timber flooring, cathedral ceilings and full-height tiling in the bathrooms.

The design is modern and fresh with a welcoming ambience, the perfect home for those looking for the ultimate in contemporary living.

## COMPANY PROFILE

For more than 42 years, Glendale Homes has been manufacturing high-quality houses across rural and remote areas of Australia. With an unrivalled reputation for quality and reliability, the company boasts an extensive range of home designs including granny flats, park houses, cabins and other specialist modular buildings. All homes





- 01. The Glendale factory display home.
- 02. Multi-fold doors provide an almost seamless relationship between indoor and outdoor living.
- 03. Polished Sydney bluegum timber flooring is included in the contemporary kitchen.
- 04. Bathrooms feature stunning full-height tiling.
- 05. Glendale homes have a true sense of style.

#### PROJECT PARTICULARS

**Price:** Price on application — subject to delivery address.

**Price includes:** Delivery to site, installation on site and full inclusions as per standard specification schedule; all floor coverings, light fittings, kitchen, bathrooms, plastering and paint work, bay window seat with storage below, stone benchtops, louvre windows, ducted air-conditioning, polished Sydney bluegum timber flooring, cathedral ceilings, full-height tiling to bathrooms with frameless shower screen and wall-hung toilet.

**Size:** All designs can be customised and standard plans range from 30m<sup>2</sup> cabins to 180m<sup>2</sup> houses.

**Accommodation:** Module one includes bedroom with walk-in robe, two-way bathroom, kitchen, living and separate front verandah. Module two includes bedroom, WIR and ensuite.

are constructed in their large factory, ensuring protection from the elements and consistent quality throughout the manufacturing process.

The true beauty of a Glendale home is that they are complete to the last detail and can be installed on-site almost anywhere in Australia — from the remote outback to a coastal block. Once delivered, the homes are installed on adjustable steel column footings by installers.

Each home comes with the essential features and comforts of a traditional home, which can all be installed within five to 10 days. Home owners can even opt to modify designs to suit their

individual requirements. All Glendale homes are designed and certified by structural engineers to comply with Australian building codes.

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# A modular masterpiece

Forward-thinking design, relocatable and eco-savvy — Prebuilt has literally “pre-built” your dream home

With a neutral colour palette and splashes of glossy black, the Mod House range by Prebuilt is sensible and fuss-free while oozing eco-sensibility and spacious style.

The Mod House range is for those who like their homes clean and with a modernist edge. The homes can be transformed from a sandy, getaway home to a growing family’s perfect abode, with timber floors, glass bifold doors, downlights and an open-living design that lets light in at every corner. The finely detailed pavilions with 2.7m-high ceilings are based on a modular system offering the ultimate in flexibility and design.

Exciting and on trend, these homes offer luxurious optional extras, including sliding timber window shutters, a butler’s pantry and wine store, as well as an internal courtyard and upstairs balcony.

The Mod House range can be customised by Pleysier Perkins Architects, which means each home is carefully put together to maximise space, catching the eyes of visitors and bringing the outside in. The Mod House comes in a range of sizes from 80m<sup>2</sup> for a two-bedroom; 225m<sup>2</sup> for a three- or four-bedroom home or a completely customised option.

## THE MOSMAN HOUSE

The Mosman house was originally designed for a young family wanting to incorporate outdoor and

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indoor living. With architecturally designed joinery and timber-veneer finishes, the Mosman house contains four bedrooms, two bathrooms, ensuite, walk-in robe, living area, rumpus, dining, gallery entry and kitchen complete with butler's pantry and wine store.

The living and dining rooms and kitchen of the Mosman face the rear yard as well as the internal courtyard, creating an open "H"-shaped floorplan. The entry door opens into a large gallery hallway, with bedrooms located away from the living areas as well as upstairs.

#### PROJECT PARTICULARS

**Accommodation:** One to four bedrooms (can be customised to suit).

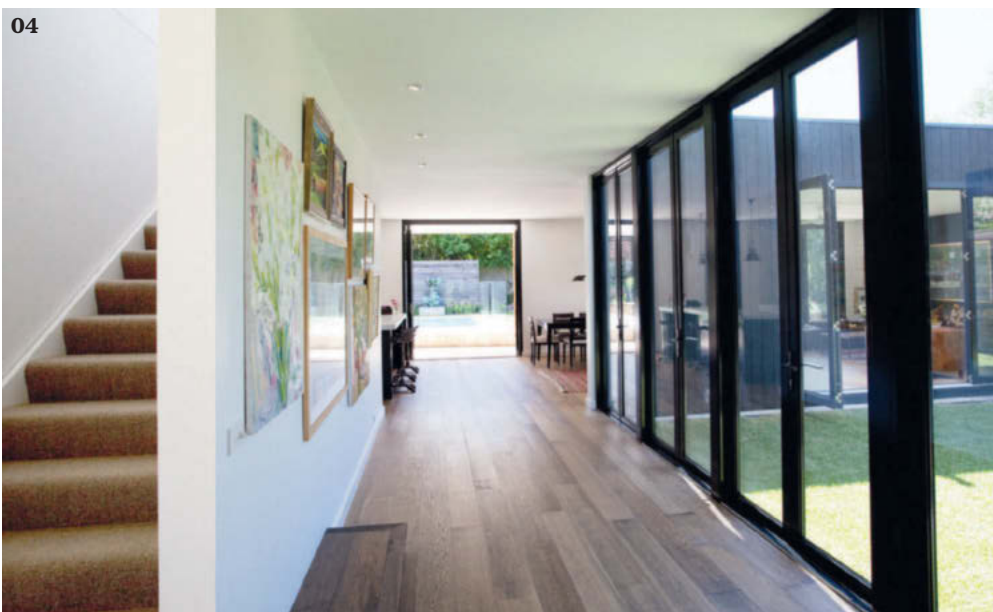
**Size:** 80m<sup>2</sup> for one bedroom, up to 225m<sup>2</sup> for three or four bedrooms.

**Price:** Starting from \$198,000 for one bedroom and from \$370,000 for three bedrooms.

**Price includes:** Colorbond or Shadowclad cladding, double glazing with Low E, internal painting, engineered Artisan oak flooring, carpet to bedrooms, kitchen with Smeg appliances, pantry and island bench, bathroom with tiled shower base, one to four bedrooms, walk-in or European laundry, delivery to within 150km of Kilsyth, Melbourne.

**Optional extras:** Customised design by Pleysier Perkins Architects, sliding timber shutters on windows, Butler's pantry and wine store, internal courtyard decks and upstairs balcony.

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#### COMPANY PROFILE

Prebuilt has established a reputation for delivering the best in prefabricated houses since beginning in 2003. This multi-award-winning company (for innovation and Greensmart) builds quality prefabricated houses for urban, regional or remote areas, with more than 300 houses and commercial projects now completed across Australia. Prebuilt's sophisticated, architecturally designed range offers a perfect solution for all types of Australian lifestyle, from stylish weekend retreats to cutting-edge modular city residences.

Every Prebuilt house is factory-built to completion in Kilsyth, Melbourne, and transported via truck to its permanent site, where installation can take place in a single day. Kitchens, bathrooms, joinery, stairs and lights all arrive in place, saving valuable time on-site. The controlled, factory-built environment ensures maximum speed and efficiency during construction, and minimises the opportunity for costly and frustrating delays. Sites are spared months of construction devastation.

Inspired by green living, the Prebuilt range includes high levels of insulation and double glazing

01. External view of the Mosman house.
02. An internal courtyard blends the home with its surroundings.
03. The open-plan living/kitchen/dining room faces the rear yard as well as the internal courtyard in an open-plan, H-shaped plan.
04. The Mod House range incorporates natural light throughout.

to all models, flexibility in window positioning, and a choice of claddings and internal inclusions to ensure each house reflects the personality of its owners and the site.

Focused on design, Prebuilt has a strong relationship with Pleysier Perkins Architects, ensuring that high-quality design is affordable and accessible.

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# Set to impress

Top design and high-quality materials are brought together to create a smart and stylish package

Spanning 16 squares, Anchor Homes' Shoreham 16 combines the luxuries of modern living in a smart, contemporary and stylish package. With three bedrooms plus ensuite and walk-in robe, a large walk-in pantry and a formal lounge, the Shoreham 16 is the epitome of an all-rounder design that caters to any demographic.

Whether in a coastal or rural setting, families, couples and singles of all ages and budgets can find a Shoreham to suit their way of life. Raked ceilings and high, narrow windows in the living, meals, kitchen and lounge areas open up each room and add to the airy atmosphere, while the cantilevered roof allows for a soaring ceiling, adding light and space to create a feeling of size and opulence. Anchor Homes' iconic split-skillion facade has also been used to make an architectural statement.

In addition to the Shoreham 16, Anchor Homes offers a Shoreham 9, 12, 14 and 19. The only difference is the size, with each number representing the variation in squares. Building takes approximately six to eight weeks at the Stratford plant, before the home is transported

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and set up on-site. Depending on the number of verandahs and connections required, it takes approximately three weeks until handover.

A visit to Anchor Homes' display centre is certain to impress. With the Shoreham 16 on show, you'll be able to appreciate the company's attention to detail.

#### COMPANY PROFILE

For more than 25 years, Anchor Homes has been providing high-quality, cutting-edge and innovative building solutions to Australian families. Whether you want a family home, a beach house or a granny flat, Anchor Homes' building systems are fast, cost-effective and eco-friendly.

Anchor Homes' modular home range is built at the company's state-of-the-art facilities and then transported to your site, anywhere in Victoria or southern NSW. The production-line method of building allows for strict supervision, assuring you

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the finest-quality home while saving on material wastage and minimising impact on the environment.

Anchor Homes strives to exceed customer expectations by offering an extensive range of options while continually improving the strength, quality and benefits of its advanced design and engineered building systems. The company is committed to safely and lawfully providing a market-leading product that meets the needs of its clients.

Anchor Homes is constantly researching and developing new products and designs and its development staff regularly update the building system to incorporate the latest designs, materials and technology available, offering greater efficiency and diversity to customers.

- 01. The design caters to any demographic.
- 02. Raked ceilings open up each room and add to the airy atmosphere.
- 03. The luxuries of modern living are combined into one package.
- 04. The home contains three bedrooms.

#### PROJECT PARTICULARS

**Price includes:** Many standard inclusions are available. For a full list visit the Anchor Homes website.

**Optional extras:** Homeowners can choose to include stone benchtops, an air-conditioning system and a large deck that runs along the living and meals side of the home. The house can also be personalised with a variety of extra finishes and fittings, all of which can be viewed on the Anchor Homes website.

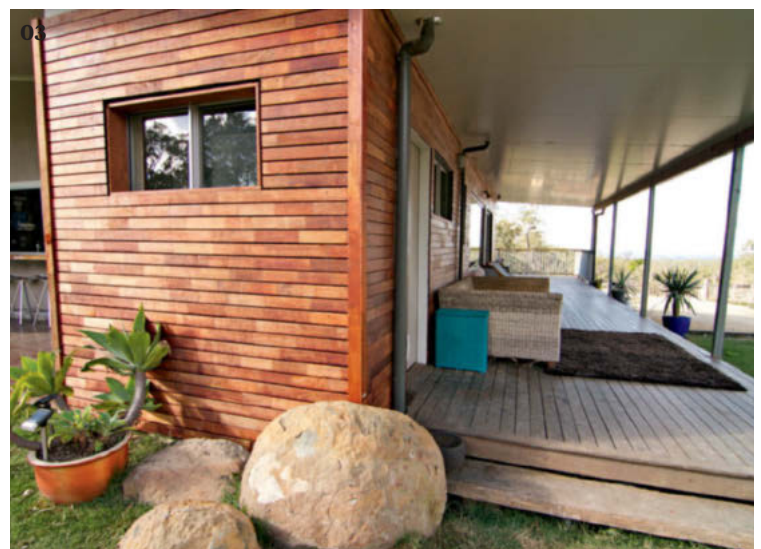
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- 01. Shipping containers are versatile, affordable, fast and easy to build.
- 02. Structurally strong, shipping containers are ideal for harsh climates and difficult sites.
- 03. Shipping container homes can be up to 30 per cent cheaper than conventionally built homes.



# Shipping containers — the new home on the block

Once used exclusively to transport goods between countries, shipping containers are now all the rage in the housing market

For a backyard office, guest house, warehouse apartment, pool house or home for the whole family, shipping containers are versatile, affordable, fast and easy to build, not to mention ultra-chic and personable. The humble shipping container, traditionally used to transport household goods, is now being used as a place of residence. Shipping containers are reinventing the way we live, shining a spotlight on greener options and recycling, as well as cutting-edge home design.

## THE SHIPPING CONTAINER

Known also as cargo containers, conex boxes and freight containers, shipping containers come in standard shapes and sizes and are made

from 6mm steel boxes with endless options for internal or external cladding.

Shipping container sizes are on average 6m x 2.4m, or 12m x 2.4m for high cube containers. This means it is easy to create the rough outlines of your home long before construction and to decide where you want to weld, bolt or pin the containers together to create your home's floorplan, says Jamie Van Tongeren of Container Build Group. The shipping containers are structurally sound and can be connected together to form larger structures very easily. Being stackable, with the majority of their strength built into the corners, these container homes can safely stand a few stories high.

Traditional extensions can easily be added to a shipping container home and are popular ways of making the structure more liveable. Usually, bedrooms, bathrooms and living areas are built into the shipping container and conventionally built decks, hallways and outdoor rooms are added. The soft steel sides of shipping containers are easily cut to accommodate doors and windows, many having whole wall sections replaced with sliding-glass doors and walls of clear glass.

Another advantage is that shipping container homes can be delivered exactly where you need them to go. (Ensure there is a minimum 30m of space either side on the truck so



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- 04. Shipping container homes are reinventing the way we live.
- 05. Adding extensions to shipping container homes is easy and affordable.
- 06. Shipping container homes can be tailored to suit your lifestyle.

They are easy to lift into place via crane due to their design. To make the transportation of the container even more cost-effective, choose a company that holds a full rail license to transport their modules." Container Build Group offers huge cost savings for its clients by holding this license, recently transporting a 20ft container from Brisbane to Sydney for a mere \$260.

### GOING GREEN

Converting a shipping container into a home saves considerable energy as the alternative would involve the container being turned into scrap metal. The use of these transport receptacles also reduces the use of conventional construction materials such as brick, cement and wood.

"A low-carbon footprint, along with quick build times and controlled building methods within a confined factory, means recycling waste is far more advanced instead of just dumping everything at the end of the build," explains Jaimie.

Shipping container homes provide a contemporary, green solution to the rising cost of housing in Australia. They can be tailored to your exact requirements and take less than half the construction time of a conventional build. They are strong, durable and easy to maintain, they save trees and energy and promote a cleaner way of living. Choosing to live in a shipping container home is smarter and greener, and doesn't compromise style or your hip pocket.

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the shipping container can be removed and manoeuvred into place.)

Shipping container homes are structurally strong and ideal for harsh conditions and difficult sites. Due to their strong non-corrosion steel, they are considered one of the strongest building construction materials and make for the perfect home in areas prone to hurricanes, tornados and earthquakes. Shipping containers are also reasonably resistant to fire. "Modular homes are the way of the future and people are starting to click on," says Jaimie.

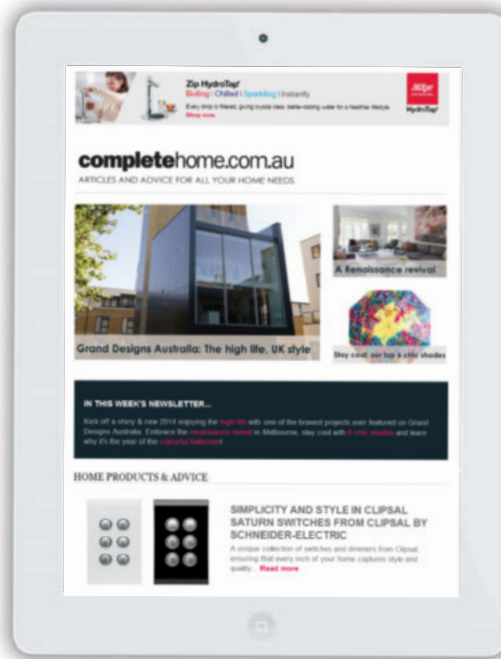
### FINANCIAL BENEFITS

The converted shipping container used for living, storage and business has proven to be a significantly cheaper option than most other home construction methods. "Container homes tend to be 30 per cent cheaper than the standard-built home, making them ideal for first-home owners," points out Jamie. "Containers are also the most cost-effective building to transport.

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# Seachange and transportable homes



The environment wins and so do you with functional and affordable transportable homes

As sea levels begin to rise and enviable beachfront properties come under threat, transportable homes are becoming more popular than ever. These once-unusual and unorthodox designs are now proving to be an ingenious solution to this pressing problem and are a convenient alternative for the frequent mover.

Transportable homes are constructed from a variety of different materials to suit your

personal style and preferences, taking into account environmentally sustainable building alternatives, budget constraints, efficiency and the affordability of relocation. Homes can be transported to and from your property by truck.

The following pages highlight the functionality and aesthetics of the transportable home to help you choose one that is perfect for your lifestyle.



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# Relaxed living

Quality materials ensure this home will withstand the test of time

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Sized at 15.33m<sup>2</sup>, the Bellbird is a spacious home that was designed for a retired couple or a family. With three bedrooms, an ensuite and walk-in wardrobe to the master bedroom, a walk-through kitchen with large living areas and a spacious verandah, it epitomises relaxed living.

Designed and built by Clifton Mobile Homes, the Bellbird is built from high-quality materials that ensure it will withstand the test of time. The home is constructed using conventional methods, and a steel chassis sub-floor structure ensures easy transportation. Clifton Mobile Homes incorporates Weathertex cladding, Colorbond roofing, aluminium windows, tiled splashbacks and quality floor coverings for aesthetic appeal and durability.

#### COMPANY PROFILE

Clifton Mobile Homes is a country-based business in East Gippsland that provides transportable homes at affordable prices. Homes are designed to suit any lifestyle and fulfil your desire to live comfortably. Clifton Mobile Homes has a range of standard plans suitable for all lifestyles and budgets. They can be modified to suit your personal needs and preferences, or you can create your own unique design with the team.

Clifton Mobile Homes is committed to excellence and customer satisfaction, providing meticulous attention to detail throughout the planning and construction processes. The company uses quality

#### PROJECT PARTICULARS

**Price:** From \$189,300.

**Price includes:** Quality fixtures and fittings, Weathertex cladding, Colorbond roofing, aluminium windows, built-in robes, tiled splashbacks, walk-in pantry, floor coverings, kitchen cabinets with laminated doors and post-formed benchtops. The home is also plaster-lined and painted, and comes with a six-star energy rating. For a full list of standard inclusions, visit the website.

experienced tradespeople for every project, creating a stress-free building experience.

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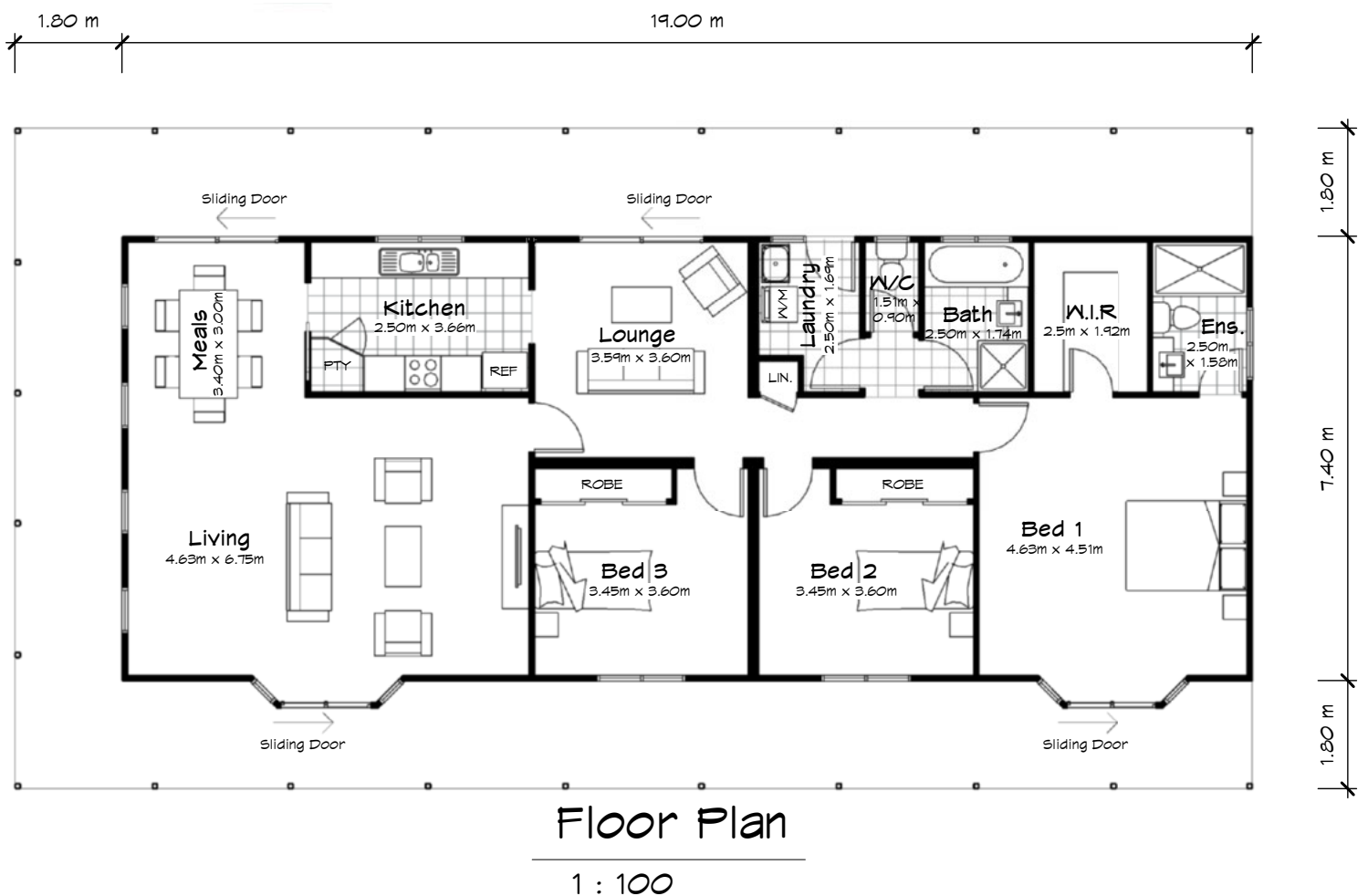
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01. The Bellbird.

02. The home includes tiled splashbacks and post-formed benchtops.

03. Floorplan of the Bellbird.





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01. The Rosemont.

02. Rustic timber laminate flooring underpins the home's contemporary country feel.

**PROJECT PARTICULARS****Size:** 149m<sup>2</sup>.**Price:** Standard \$127,407, or as displayed \$213,337 (this includes front and rear decks).**Price includes:** For a full list of inclusions, visit the All Steel website.**Optional extras:** The supply and installation of the front and rear decks on-site.

# Contemporary country styling

This residence blends seamlessly into the surrounding landscape

Asked to improve a long-standing and very successful floorplan, the All Steel design team has produced an even more efficient and functional version of the Rosemont. Designed for rural family living, this home offers the space and modern amenities a growing family requires while it blends seamlessly into its surrounding landscape.

This spacious four-bedroom house contains separate living and family areas, two roomy bathrooms, a butler's pantry and plenty of storage. Rustic timber laminate flooring featured throughout underpins the home's contemporary country feel.

The open-plan living sector contains a modern kitchen with adjoining butler's pantry for added luxury and convenience. Stunning timber French doors feature in each of the bedrooms.

The master bedroom provides an element of privacy, located in a separate area to the three remaining bedrooms and the additional family living space. It also contains private access to the verandah.

The Rosemont's most outstanding feature is its six-star energy rating and thermal performance. This is obtained by combining the strength and security of Supaloc steel framing with the outstanding

thermal properties of Thermaloc rigid cellular insulation. The combination of these two systems has proven to exceed the performance of industry-standard insulation products and guarantees comfort and efficiency for generations of homeowners.

**COMPANY PROFILE**

All Steel is a division of the Weeks Group, an Australian-owned and -operated group of companies located in South Australia. Drawing on more than 25 years experience, All Steel markets, fabricates and delivers a broad range of modular housing and commercial buildings. All Steel is committed to ensuring each home is of the highest building standard and is tailored to suit its clients' needs and requirements.

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# Granny flats and teenage retreats

Keep the family together without compromising privacy by choosing a granny flat or teenage retreat

The nuclear family is changing and new living circumstances often require additions to the family home. Avoid the hassle and expense of extending an existing home by investing in a granny flat. Whether you want elderly parents closer to home or are giving teenagers their own personal space, these affordable and ready-made flats are a perfect solution.

Units are designed for people of all ages, from young couples and singles to elderly parents or grandparents. They provide security and comfort for the elderly as they

are close to loved ones, where families can provide assistance if needed. Young people also find they are a great option if money is an issue as they can be built for a good price and then moved when a block of land becomes affordable.

This section showcases the many designs and pre-constructed options available to find the granny flat, teenage retreat or detached dwelling that perfectly caters to the needs of your growing family, ensuring security and just enough independence.



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**01.** Classic Cabins offers the ideal solution for your family's changing lifestyle.

**02.** Quality interiors typically include a bedroom, bathroom, kitchen and sitting area.

arrive as a package of building materials, Classic Cabins homes are half built before arrival in the form of pre-made modular panels. Designed to easily bolt together and pre-fitted with windows, all buildings come with comprehensive plans, allowing for a stress-free installation on-site. If you prefer to sit back and watch your new space come to life, the company also offers additional services, including installation to lock up. Classic Cabins can have your new living space installed to lock up, from start to finish, in as little as five days, eradicating the often painstaking wait for results. The company is able to look after your entire project from concept to completion.

Renowned for its hassle-free service and ability to deliver quality results nationwide, Classic Cabins is the ideal choice for those in pursuit of a simple solution to additional space requirements.

# The ideal solution

Classic living spaces to accommodate the modern lifestyle

Whether it's a new home, granny flat, teenage retreat or private dwelling for a dependant relative conveniently positioned close to the home, Classic Cabins has the right space for you. Unlike renovations that can include hidden costs and be highly time-consuming, Classic Cabins provides a cost-effective and quick way to achieve outstanding, stylish results while adding invaluable space to your property.

Clients are invited to choose from one of the company's impressive existing options of more than 30 different floorplans, which are typically designed to include a bedroom, bathroom, kitchen and sitting

area. Alternatively, create your own floorplan to suit your individual requirements. Custom options within this range are endless, allowing you to make the space your own.

Classic Cabins goes above and beyond other companies of its kind, offering several unique space-usage options such as outdoor rooms for entertaining, as well as attic garages, which provide for additional storage, a sought-after addition to any home. Some of the company's standout features include iconic clear-span cathedral ceilings, adding height and light to the space, as well as its six-star energy rating.

Unlike other standard kit homes that often

## COMPANY PROFILE

Classic Cabins was established in 1979 and has been manufacturing uniquely designed outdoor buildings for clients Australia-wide. A registered building practitioner, Classic Cabins takes pride in its craftsmanship and all products are proudly Australian made and manufactured.

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## BUILT BEFORE YOU START

Cedarspan takes the stress out of building by utilising clever ideas based on years of experience. The panel system uniquely combines high-quality workmanship with speed, ease and low-cost construction. Products are so much more than just a shell; they are fully clad, insulated, and fitted with windows and roofing.

Each space is literally built before you start, making assembly easy, fast and cost-effective. Assembly is simply a matter of matching and

bolting together so you can easily do it yourself (or call in a professional if preferred). Construction time is fast and if your needs change in the future, solutions are seamlessly extendable and can be collapsed, relocated or even resold.

## WHY CEDARSPAN?

Your dream space will always look the part with Cedarspan. It offers a host of styles and designs to choose from, each cabin blending seamlessly into its environment and lifestyle. Clients can choose from a large range of styles, sizes and designs as well as diverse features and finishes. Optional extras such as skylights, insulation, removable windows, kitchenettes and bathrooms are also available. And because each cabin is built for durability and strength, it will withstand even the harshest conditions.

Choosing Cedarspan means you can build with confidence. You're backed by local support, after-sales service and a seven-year warranty. Only proven, quality solutions that meet local codes and standards are employed. The company respects and cares



01. A country retreat.

02. A country cottage.

03. Clients can choose from a large range of styles and sizes.

for the environment and uses sustainable building materials, environmentally friendly manufacturing practices and energy-efficient building design.

Cedarspan ensures construction costs are kept to a minimum, enabling you to add to your property's value, save on rental and storage expenses or even generate rental income.

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# Unique building products

Add character to your property with unique building products







There is an amazing selection of building products on the market these days that will help you build unique and character-full homes. The simple use of a unique building product can be the final touch to making your house extra-special.

Whether you are a city dweller or a country resident, there is a building product for you. Unique building products not only help to individualise your home and give it the look and feel you want, they also make the home more

functional for your specific site needs.

We live in a vast country with varying climates and environmental conditions, so no one building system will be the ideal solution for every place. Unique products allow you to create the home you need in the area you want. On the following pages, we spotlight a few companies that will put the finishing touches on your project and ensure your home is durable enough to withstand the test of time.

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# Spantec does the thinking for you

Spantec Systems has taken its Boxspan steel kit floor system to a new level

For 20 years, Spantec Systems has been designing steel-flooring systems for builders and owner-builders with a view to making things on-site as simple as possible.

Spantec takes your floorplans and designs the most efficient and economical flooring system for your requirements. The floor is delivered to the site as a complete package, with all brackets and screws and detailed working drawings of how the floor fits together. All bearers and joists are cut to length and are marked to match the drawings.

The simplicity of the system has made it possible for owner-builders to save on costs by putting it together themselves. Or, if they choose to use a builder, they still save due to the speed of installation.

Owner-builder Mike Williams had the full kit experience, starting with the Boxspan steel flooring system, when building a Paal kit home in Cowra in the central tablelands of NSW.

"We were so pleased with how everything went together — it's like magic!" Mike says. "It saved us a lot of money because we did the work ourselves, with my wife Sheena and son Cameron. "We just followed the plans and after screwing the brackets onto the bearers, everything dropped into place."

That was Mike's experience before Spantec's latest development, the Smart Bearer, which still comes cut to length but now has pre-punched screw holes for locating and fixing joist brackets, along with printed joist numbers for even quicker installation.







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The new technology uses information from the CAD drawings to mark the bearers with locations and joist numbers (matching the working drawings), and to punch the bracket holes — all done automatically during the manufacturing process.

#### **STRAIGHTER, STRONGER, SIMPLER FLOOR**

Mike was also impressed with the high quality and strength of the Boxspan beams. "I'm fastidious and drove my wife crazy, but I was able to get the floor squared off within millimetres," he says.

Because they are made from high-tensile steel, Boxspan floor frames are very light yet very strong. Manufactured to a tight tolerance, they make it easy to build a level floor, ensuring a perfect start for the building frame above. Boxspan floor beams are a great alternative to timber as they won't shrink, twist or rot, so there are no problems with squeaky floors, cracked cornices or doors and windows that stick.

The beams have similar dimensions to those of standard timber beams and are produced to



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01. Spantec takes your floorplans and designs the most efficient and economical flooring system for your requirements.
02. The light weight of Spantec beams, combined with their effortless assembly, makes them suitable for owner-builders.
03. Steel frames are termite-proof and fire-resistant, making them an ideal alternative to timber.
04. The simplicity of the system has made it possible for owner-builders to save on costs by putting it together themselves.
05. Smart Bearer now has pre-punched screw holes for locating and fixing joist brackets, along with printed joist numbers for even quicker installation.
06. The floor is delivered to the site as a complete package.

controlled tolerances. They are manufactured to exact lengths but, if necessary, can easily be cut on-site using simple tools such as a drop saw or circular saw with a friction blade. The wide range of brackets and accessories makes these an easy substitute for timber in most applications.

Boxspan comes in a range of sizes and gauges, ensuring an economical beam selection can be found for every project.

#### PERFECT FOR SLOPING AND BUSH SITES

On sloping sites, the Boxspan steel flooring system eliminates the need for cutting, filling and compaction. And there's no need to repair the site with expensive landscaping and retaining walls — an often-overlooked cost in the building process. Spantec also supplies an adjustable steel-pier system called Ezi-pier, which again makes the installation process easier and quicker (no need to wait for a bricklayer to put up piers).

Mike also had to consider what products to use as he was building in a bushfire-prone area. "I felt comfortable using steel as we were building in a BAL 12.5 zone." Steel is non-combustible and termite-proof, which makes it ideal for building in the bush. If you are building in a bushfire zone, Spantec can help with the design, including BAL 40 regulations. The company's extensive design knowledge has been developed from fire tests conducted by the CSIRO in conjunction with the National Association of Steel Housing (NASH).

Regardless of whether you are an owner-builder or a builder, Spantec takes you through the process. The design information prepared for you includes detailed CAD drawings with state-of-the-art 3D models that allow you to "walk through" the frame on your computer. Your floor system arrives on-site as a complete kit, ready for installation.

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# Textured touch

Make a statement with these stunning feature wall ideas

**01** Laminex Innovations introduces nine new decors as part of the stylish Plex collection. These new designs offer professional and home decorators the colour and character of real metals, alongside the practical, flexible properties of laminate. Choose from graphite-inspired grey hues to classic white or leather-look features. Whatever your style, Laminex is the solution. For more information, visit [laminex.com.au](http://laminex.com.au)

**02** A clever addition to the Formica Colour Range offering is the new magnetic metallic laminates in Glossy White and Matt Black finishes. Glossy White is the perfect answer to your magnetic whiteboard surfaces in areas like busy kitchens, kids' bedrooms, laundries and collaborative commercial office spaces and education facilities, while Matt Black can be used to create magnetic chalk blackboards in kitchen areas and hospitality and retail fitouts. For more information, visit [formica.com.au](http://formica.com.au)

**03** Conceived, designed and manufactured in Italy, Piemme Valentino tiles are of the highest quality. Prestige Valentino wall tiles combine Florentine brocade (inspired by the historical Italian Renaissance fabrics) with precious mother of pearl. The end result is an iridescent effect, reflecting light in a room and spreading warmth and precious detail. For more information, visit [delsa.com.au](http://delsa.com.au)

**04** ROCKCOTE has recently launched its new Natural Materials range, which draws inspiration from nature to provide beautiful, natural interior and exterior finishes that do not compromise people's health or the environment. By working with natural clay, natural lime and renewable materials like straw, hemp, bamboo, wheat and even volcanic ash, ROCKCOTE is reviving ancient skills and building practices to create unique appealing and natural environments. For more information, visit [rockcote.com.au](http://rockcote.com.au)

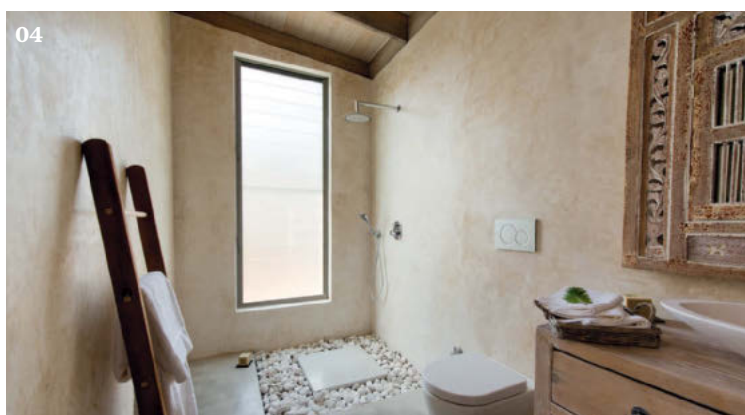
**05** The dramatic visual effect of natural stone for architecturally inspired interior feature walls and trims is an achievable and affordable look with Boral Cultured Stone. Offering many design options, Cultured Stone is available in nine distinct ranges and a wide variety of shapes, colours and textures. Each unit of Cultured Stone is cast in natural stone moulds before it is meticulously hand-coloured to achieve the look and feel of stone. Cultured Stone has low maintenance requirements and, in most applications, does not require painting, coating or sealing after installation. Boral Cultured Stone is supplied with a 50-year warranty. For more information, visit [boral.com.au/stone](http://boral.com.au/stone)



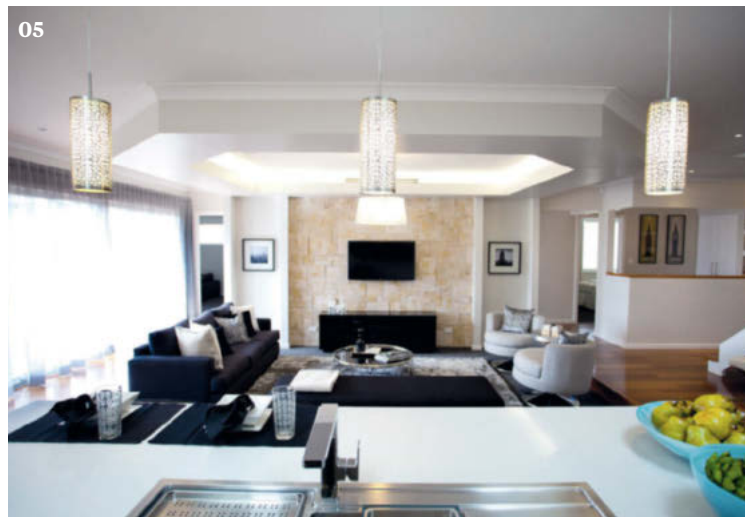
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# Water-saving solutions

Being water-wise will save you money as well as our most precious resource

**B**listeringly hot and dry summers have become all too common in Australia, with one of the nation's most valuable resources pushed to the brink. Water is vital to our survival, yet it continues to be treated as an expendable commodity; the average household uses 180,000L of water per year.

As the population continues to increase, water supplies are progressively under pressure. This means the need for Australian households to incorporate water-saving solutions in their homes is more important than ever.

We spoke to Michael Smit, national programs manager from the savewater! Alliance, about how Australian homes can incorporate water-saving systems into their building design.

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01. Imagine Kit Homes adds water tanks to its designs in a subtle and eclectic way.
02. Clear overhanging foliage to keep gutters free from blockages.
03. Water tanks, such as the Inground b pump change by Polymaster, can be stored underground.
04. Underground rainwater tank by Polymaster.

downpipes, occupants, tanks, pumps and the wider environment," says Michael.

"Including a tank in the initial design of your home is ideal," adds Michael as this will ensure the system is properly connected from top to bottom. Although roof area and the size of the tank need to be considered, the most important factor for rainwater yield is the number of connected appliances; a 1000L tank can deliver more benefit than a 10,000L tank if it is connected to more appliances like toilets and washing machines. Costs associated with a rainwater harvesting system apply only to initial installation, running expenses and maintenance.

Tanks don't have to be an unsightly addition to your home design as they can easily be stored out of sight under decks or the ground, or hidden in backyard nooks. Before installing a tank, make sure you assess the surrounding area. Clear overhanging foliage and gutters as this will dirty the water and cause blockages to water flow into the tank.

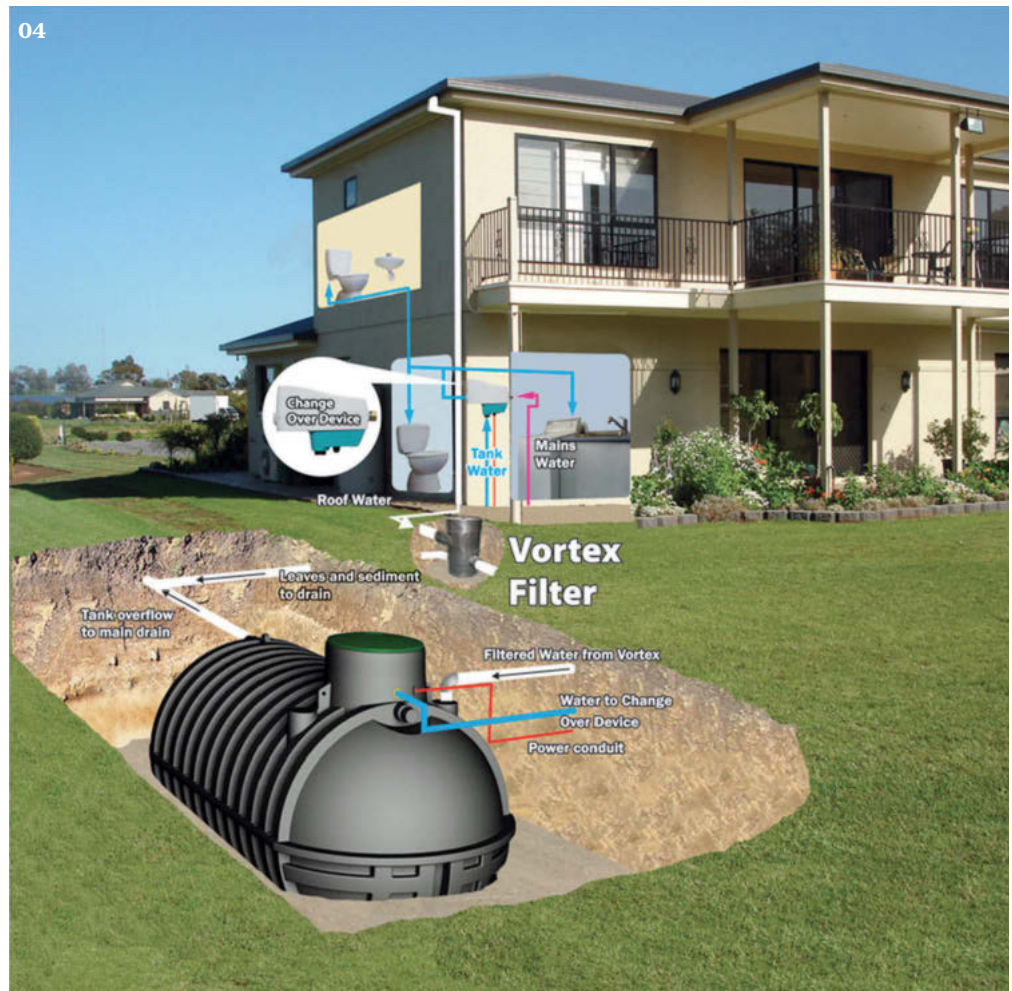
## RAINWATER HARVESTING

The rainwater harvesting system is one of the most popular water-saving solutions used by Australians, with 26 per cent of the population having already installed a water tank. Essentially, rainwater harvesting is the collection of water that flows from the roofs of buildings, which is then stored for later use.

The benefits are plentiful as rainwater is a free water supply unaffected by water restrictions and it falls right where you need it. Many modern homes currently utilise rainwater harvesting systems for basic appliances such as washing machines, garden watering and flushing toilets. The water is often good enough to drink, with more than two million Australians drinking rainwater every day.

A tank can save up to 90,000L each year, almost half the average household consumption. This, in turn, can also mean some great financial savings to the household budget. The amount of water saved largely depends on a few factors including climate, design and usage. As the system relies on rainfall, it is most suited to areas which experience frequent and consistent rainfall such as Melbourne or Sydney.

Design also plays an important role when it comes to water collection. "Most people just think about the rainwater tank, but the best outcomes are achieved if you think about the entire rainwater harvesting system including the roof, gutters,





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## SUPPLIERS

Polymaster is a leading supplier of rainwater tanks in Australia, with more than 20 years of experience in the industry. Polymaster provides a certified, patented, one-piece design with a 20-year warranty, giving you peace of mind that the product you purchase will stand the test of time.

With a wide range of sizes and comprehensive colour range, Polymaster has a tank and pump options that will seamlessly blend with your home while providing you with one of the best water-saving solutions around.

The company offers a fast and simple installation process to help you achieve a six-star energy rating as quickly as possible. "Tanks are suitable for nearly every home," says Polymaster's national sales manager. "The water tanks are designed to hold a maximum volume of water for a minimum surface area. Rainwater tanks provide the best environmental solutions to saving water." Polymaster offers free delivery to selected states and areas in Australia. For more information, visit page 128.

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- 05. Water is vital for our survival so we need to protect it.
- 06. The best results are achieved when the complete system is connected from top to bottom.
- 07. The need for households to incorporate water-saving solutions in the home is more important than ever.

If you choose to use this technique, Michael advises only using water from the shower and laundry as toilet and kitchen water is illegal and too greasy for reuse of any kind. "Prolonged exposure to greywater will reduce soil quality unless care is taken with detergents and cleaning products," says Michael. Choose environmentally friendly products to help ensure the water is as pure as possible. Normal washing powders often include salt "fillers" and can destroy soil quality. Instead, opt for liquid detergents. Visit GreySmart for more information.

Greywater systems are best designed during the building process of your home, or simple diversion hoses can be installed to already-complete homes.

### RECYCLED WATER

A relatively new option for metropolitan suburbs, this system is known for its distinctive purple pipes which provide water within residential homes. "Recycled water is treated water from sewage treatment plants," says Michael. The water is generally used for landscaping purposes. Benefits of this system include the recycling of a water product, often cheap supply and reliability of supply. The system is also unaffected by water restrictions and great for dry, rural areas.

Costs incurred revolve around high infrastructure expenses for water suppliers through providing a third pipe system in addition to the existing potable water and sewage water pipework. "It's a good option if it is available in your area," says Michael. Actual costs for individuals involve additional plumbing costs and the water itself (approximately 50-90 per cent of the cost of potable water).

### GREYWATER

Greywater is a clever and easy water-saving solution for those who can't invest in a water tank. Typically, greywater is defined as household waste water derived from the shower and laundry, which can be reused later. "Benefits are reliability of supply. Regardless of rainfall, greywater is produced from residential uses such as showering and clothes washing," says Michael. Greywater is also unaffected by water restrictions and is therefore great for dry areas.

The volume of water you can use is dependent on your personal behaviour and

climate. "A shower should reliably provide about 50L of water each day, while a top-loading washing machine will provide over 100L (front loading less than half)," says Michael.

Costs vary with the quality of the greywater system in place. They range from simple, direct-diversion types for reuse on gardens, to advanced treatments for supplying water for toilets and washing machines. Investing in a good system is paramount as a low-grade system will cause damage to your garden and pose health risks. Systems must treat water within the first 24 hours of water catchment as water will quickly go septic after this time.



The savewater! Alliance is a not-for-profit industry association that works with member water businesses, government agencies, and product and technology providers to deliver a range of outcomes across water conservations and efficiency, water products and initiatives, as well as product and technology solutions. For more information on how to save water visit [savewater.com.au](http://savewater.com.au)





# The Polymaster difference

Home water management made easy

One of the best ways to improve your home's sustainability is by installing a rainwater tank. As the population continues to grow and Australia's weather conditions become increasingly unpredictable, water is more valuable than ever before. Catching your own is an easy way of doing your bit for the environment, as well as keeping your garden lush and green.

Polymaster has made this step in the building process easy, creating different packages and pump options to help make the choice quick and simple. The company offers a range of Slendaline tanks, Slendastyle tanks, underground tanks as well as PolyChoice slimline tanks, which are all designed to hold the maximum volume of water for the minimum surface area used. This means you will have the greatest amount of supply with minimal space required.

All products are built to last, made from the highest-quality, certified-grade polyethylene under strict manufacturing processes. Polymaster rainwater tanks meet Australian and international standards for consistent results and have received the appropriate product certification, ensuring peace of mind that the product you are purchasing is the best in the market.

Polymaster is also the ultimate eco-friendly product, manufactured with special re-circulated heat processes to minimise greenhouse gases in the atmosphere, and all excess materials are recycled. Polymaster utilises a water re-use program to help lessen the impact on natural resources.

Warranties from seven to 10 years are included across the tank package selection, with the tanks available in 22 different Colorbond colours to match your home's design style. With various pump options, including automatic changeover devices and LCD information screens for single- or multi-storey homes, Polymaster tanks are suitable for any residence.

Polymaster delivers free to selected states nationwide. It is an Australian-owned company, with products made in Australia for the past 20 years. Visit [polymaster.com.au](http://polymaster.com.au) to use the simple and effective water calculator to estimate the tank capacity you will need. With Polymaster experts on hand, one phone call is all it takes to make your home self-sustainable.

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## ABOUT THE PRODUCT

- Fast and easy installation
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- Assists in achieving a six-star energy rating
- Patented and modern design
- One-piece construction

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01. Diagram of the Polymaster Slendaline tank.

02. Polymaster underground tanks.





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Providing expertise in geotechnical reports, laboratory testing and screw-pier solutions and installations, Ideal Foundations has built a reputation as a leading supplier and installer of fixed-price screw piers for the residential, commercial and multi-dwelling marketplace. Covering the east coast of Australia and inland New South Wales, the

company provides a unique point of difference in the building industry.

Ideal Foundations' geotechnical reports meet the rigorous standards required by Standards Australia (AS 2870-2011). This report is presented in a user-friendly format and can help owners, builders and engineers determine the most cost-





effective foundation solution for their site. There is also an in-house NATA-approved (National Association of Testing Authorities) laboratory, which supports the geotechnical investigations performed by on-site staff.

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Ideal Foundations believes understanding the challenges faced by clients when owner-building

and assisting with the process is a strength of the business. The company can provide screw piers to slab on-ground homes as well as raised piers for bearer and joist applications. At the conclusion of the installation, clients receive a certificate of compliance.

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01. Ideal Foundations' soil technician conducting a site investigation to classify the soil.
02. Ideal Foundations has built a reputation as a leading supplier and installer of fixed-price screw piers. The advantages of screw piers include speed of installation, geographical coverage and minimum soil removal.



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# Solid ground

Ensure your home stands the test of time



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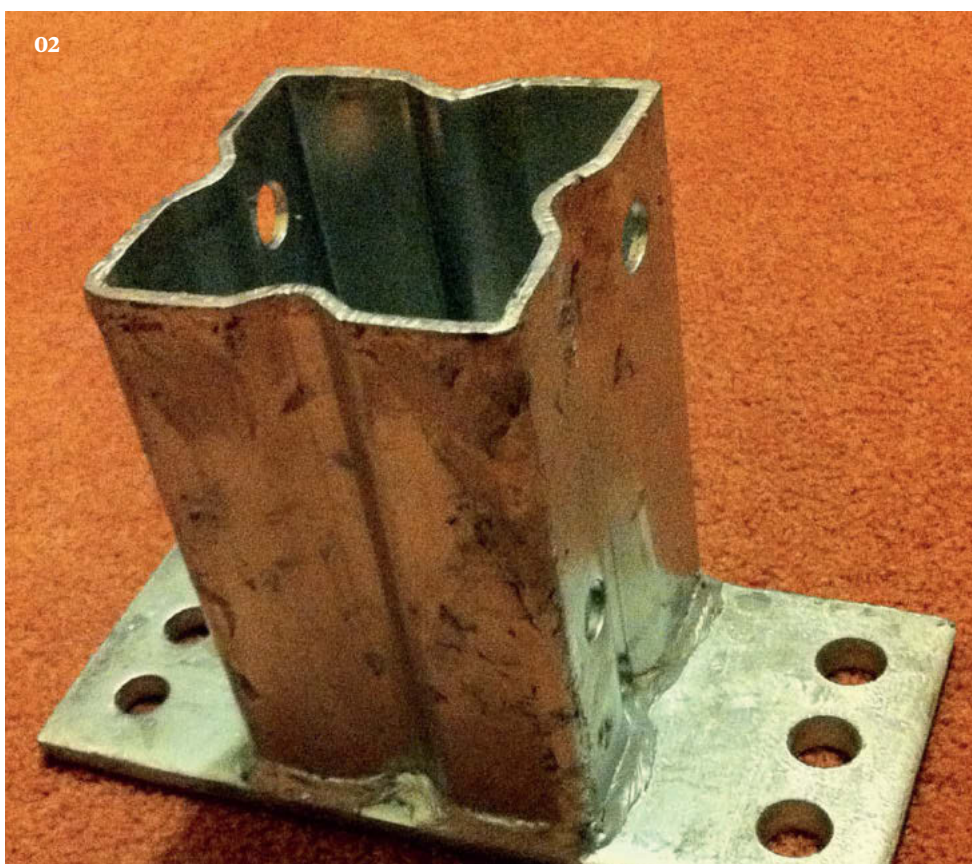
**W**hen you start building your new home, a solid foundation is paramount to ensure your residence lasts a lifetime. Luckily, Housestumps.com.au is here to help with an extensive range of strong, heavy-duty piers.

Made from fully hot-dipped galvanised steel, Housestumps.com.au piers can carry light to extremely heavy loads. The piers are cleverly engineered so they can be fully adjusted by just a single spanner on-site to suit your unique requirements. This will make a big difference to the maintenance of your foundations later in the building process.

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Housestumps.com.au piers are also an advantage when building on sloping terrain.

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Unlike traditional slab foundations that require extensive digging, the piers can simply be adjusted so that they create a level ground without any hassle. The piers can be adjusted under load when soil movement occurs, no jacking required, just a simple turn of a spanner.

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#### COMPANY PROFILE

Housestumps.com.au is a family-owned company that specialises in high-quality stump/ pier foundations. All products are built to last a lifetime and made from heavy-duty materials that are fully adjustable, so you can trust your home will stand the test of time.

As registered builders with extensive experience with foundations, the Housestumps.com.au team can give you professional advice about which product is right for your project. The company supplies products directly to the public and offers competitive trade prices to all consumers.

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- 01. As registered builders, the Housestumps.com.au team will provide you with expert advice.
- 02. Housestumps.com.au products are made from fully hot-dipped galvanised steel.
- 03. All products are engineer-certified.
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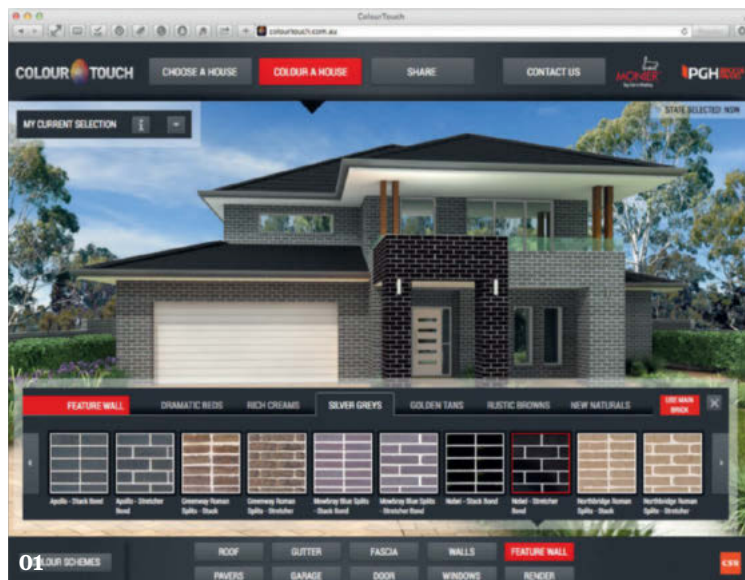


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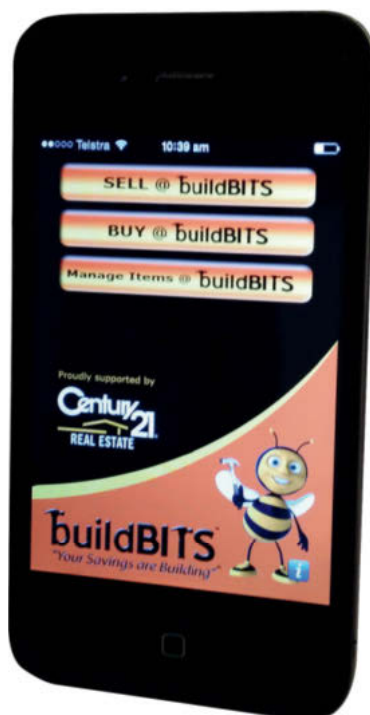




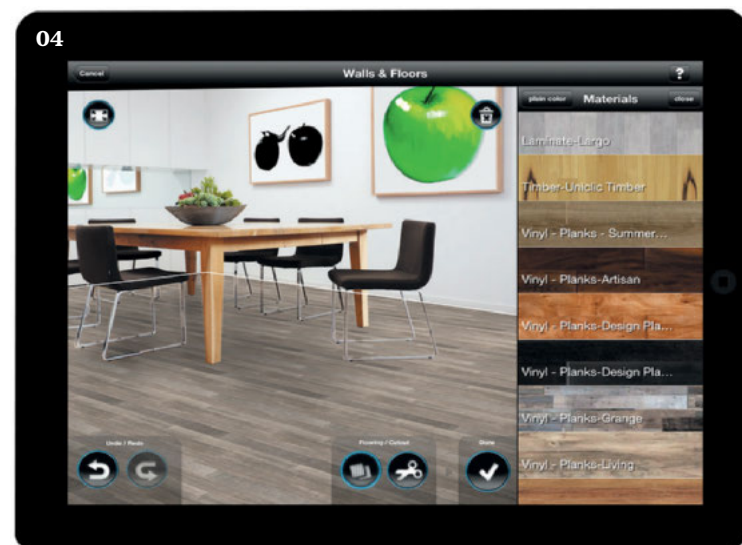
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# Technology talks

The latest technological innovations for home building and design

**01** The ability to create and visualise the exterior of your new home before the first brick has even been laid is now possible with the new online tool, ColourTouch, from Monier Roofing and PGH. The tool provides homeowners with the option of choosing from a range of pre-selected colour schemes, or to design their own for either a single- or double-storey home. For more information on ColourTouch and to design your own colour scheme, visit [colourtouch.com.au](http://colourtouch.com.au)

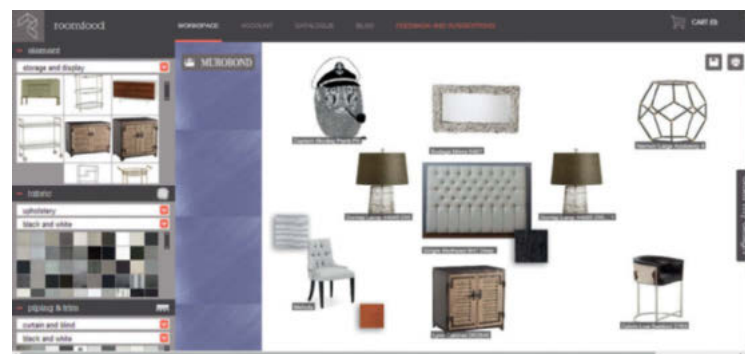
**02** The new Dulux colour app makes the painting process for homeowners and renovators simple. The Colour Capture function allows you to snap up colour inspiration while you're on the move, or the Browse Colour function lets you browse through more than 4500 colours. Use the Visualise Colour function to see how the colours will look in your interior or exterior settings. Once decided, pop into your nearest store to make your purchase. Download the free Dulux colour app by visiting [dulux.com.au/DuluxColour](http://dulux.com.au/DuluxColour)

**03** buildBITS is your online resource for buying and selling building materials and products for free! Save time and money by using Australia's premium building website for unwanted building materials and products. This innovative website is easy to use and is designed for builders, DIYers, renovators and the general public, increasing your opportunity to both buy and sell used, recycled, new, excess stock and unwanted building materials and products. You can download the buildBITS app to easily upload items for sale instantly, no fees or commissions, once you register at [buildbits.com.au](http://buildbits.com.au)

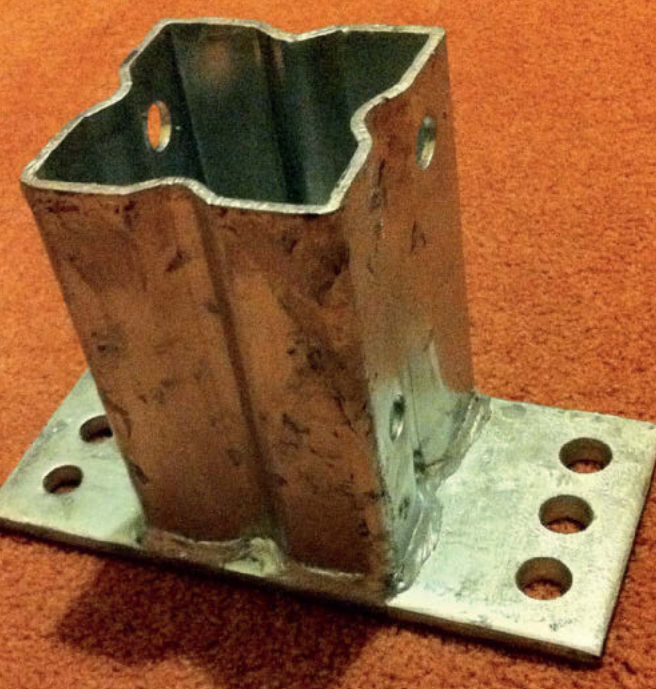
**04** The 3D Design Studio iPad app by Carpet Court helps renovators create virtual 3D rooms to see which Carpet Court flooring options best suit their space. The app allows users to upload pictures of their own home, or choose from a selection of room designs and experiment with Carpet Court's extensive product range. The 3D Design Studio gives users the freedom to experiment with colours, styles and products because they can simply start fresh with a new room if they don't love the look. Download the 3D Design Studio from the app store or use the online version at [carpetcourt.com.au](http://carpetcourt.com.au)

**05** roomfood is an online design suite that gives you access to interior design products and materials, allowing you to literally design your own unique furnishings. You can also create your own mood board using items from some of Australia's best designers, manufacturers and artists. roomfood gives you access to products from more than 30 world-class suppliers including Ralph Lauren, Designers Guild and Zepel Fabrics. To experience what roomfood can offer, visit [roomfood.com.au](http://roomfood.com.au)

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01. Bushfires are a natural part of the Australian environment.

# Fire-proof your home

Keeping your family safe

**B**ushfires are a natural part of the Australian environment, however many homeowners fail to adequately prepare for them. Fire-proofing your home is essential if you live in rural Australia as hot, dry summers can spell disaster if you are not properly prepared.

Between 1967 and 1999, Australian bushfires have cost \$2.5 billion according to the Bureau of Transport and Economics report: Economic Costs of Natural Disasters in Australia, 2001. During that same period, Australian bushfires resulted in the deaths of 223 people. Since then, several other major bushfires have had devastating effects on Australian communities around the country.

Ian Price, business manager at GAAM Emergency Products, says preparation is the key to keep your property and family safe. "For those living in bushfire-prone areas, whether in a regional location or a suburban area adjoining bushland, it's important to prepare for the season ahead."

By focusing on design and construction as well as the implementation of bushfire survival plans, you will have peace of mind knowing you have done all you can to avoid bushfire dangers.

## DESIGN AND ORIENTATION

If you are yet to build your home, pay particular attention to the initial design. Try to build your structure on flat ground as fires burn more

rapidly uphill than downhill or across flat land. To gain specific guidelines for your particular site, get a bushfire attack assessment as this will help determine the risks associated with your environment.

RAL Homes is a kit home company dedicated to providing its customers with the most durable and safe homes for bushfire-prone zones. Managing director Reiny Loeliger says the company's homes are built with the highest-rated products, including glass-fibre insulation, which has a flammability index less than five, non-combustible Colorbond steel roofing, and timber framing that is fully covered with foil-backed insulation extending into valleys and gutters.



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**02.** To help reduce your home's vulnerability to bushfire, use building materials that are resistant to ignition. Project by RAL Homes.

**03.** RAL Homes uses a curved roof design to minimise the opportunity for embers to collect on roof surfaces.

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### ROOFING

Avoid complex roofing designs; those with grooves can catch falling debris from trees which can quickly ignite. Ideally roofs should be pitched to minimise the chance of embers being trapped. Regularly maintain surrounding shrubbery and plant trees well away from structures to minimise the risk of fire.

Roofs should be constructed from non-combustible materials such as terracotta or concrete roof tiles, says Charlie Condo, national general manager of Boral Roofing and Masonry East.

"Terracotta and concrete roof tiles can safely be used in bushfire-prone regions, including the highest-prone areas (BAL-FZ)," he says. Roof systems should be constructed in accordance with strict Australian Standards requirements, which can be found on the Roofing Tile Association of Australia website.

Sarking is also a mandatory roof element in bushfire-prone zones. "This is a non-flammable thin membrane that sits between the rafters and roof tile battens, and also assists with temperature regulation within the home," says Mr Condo.

### MATERIALS

To help reduce your home's vulnerability to bushfire, use building materials that are resistant to ignition.

- Use non-flammable materials such as bricks, stone, fibre/fibro cement, aerated concrete and steel where possible.
- Choose fire-resistant carpet and avoid wool and synthetic carpets as they burn easily and fast.
- Ensure you select timber that is applicable to the bushfire attack level for your site.

- By law, external fire-proof shutters are required in fire-prone areas with high ratings and should be made from steel or bronze. In lower-risk areas, aluminium shutters are accepted.
- Never overload electrical wiring and always have a licensed electrician check the wiring and outlet to ensure there is no chance of sparking or an overload.
- Adequate home and content insurance will ensure that property damaged or destroyed will be replaced.





04. Boral terracotta roof tiles are suitable for use in bushfire areas.  
05. Fire safety kits are fire protection essentials — Wormald.  
06. Portable fire-fighting pump — GAAM Emergency Products.

a fire,” says Wormald general manager business services, John Lynch.

Wormald provides a range of fire protection equipment and safety tips on its website, [wormald.com.au](http://wormald.com.au)

**BUSHFIRE ATTACK LEVELS (BAL)**

Bushfire attack levels are broken down into six categories:

- BAL Low
- BAL 12.5
- BAL 19
- BAL 29
- BAL 40
- BAL Flame Zone (BAL-FZ)

To calculate your BAL, visit [balreport.com.au](http://balreport.com.au).

For more information and specific guidelines for your area, download the AS 3959 document under the Australian Standard for buildings in a bushfire-prone area. This document covers all construction and retrofitting information and can be downloaded from [as3959.com.au](http://as3959.com.au)

EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT

Wormald, the leading provider of fire-protection solutions, recommends that every home and business in a bushfire-prone area have a bushfire survival plan. This should include devising a fire-escape plan and practising emergency exit drills, deciding at what stage you should choose to

leave your home, and adequately arming your home with fire protection equipment.

Ensure basic equipment such as smoke alarms, fire extinguishers and fire blankets are working and in an accessible place. “Householders should know where the equipment is located and how to use it so they are ready to act in the event of



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# Just add natural light

Natural light can play an important role in adding ambience and value to your home

The goodness of natural light shouldn't be reserved for time spent outdoors. Natural light in the home has an abundance of scientifically proven health benefits and aids in fostering the connection between humans and the natural world outside. While the aesthetic advantages of natural light may be obvious, the monetary value of its effective utilisation may surprise you.

A recent survey of second- and third-home buyers conducted by CSR in June, 2014, found natural light was a key priority when it came to investing in property. Of those surveyed, 80 per cent said they were prepared to spend up to \$5000 to ensure a home's natural light was properly enhanced, while 17 per cent said they were willing to pay more. On a list compiled by real estate agent LJ Hooker, windows were included as one of "17 Liveability Property Features." As research suggests, it pays to be in the know, especially when it comes to natural light. So where do you start?

According to Lachlan Austin, Viridian's general marketing manager, there are three key elements that need to be considered to make the most of your home's natural light potential: location, orientation and positioning, as well as glass types and shapes.

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## LOCATION

The location of your home and the climate will impact on the way natural light is utilised and distributed within. In warmer climates, such as in Queensland, South Australia and the Northern Territory, ideally homes should aim to keep the heat out and retain cooler air temperatures. Conversely, in areas like Victoria and Tasmania, where climates are cooler, homes should aim to capture the sun's heat and keep it in.

The orientation of your home and windows play a great part in determining the heat and light omitted or withheld in your home, advises Lachlan. "Know which parts of your home will be hit by the sun and therefore which windows will act as 'radiant heat inlets', bringing warmth into your home or keeping it out," he says. "For cold and mixed climates, north-facing windows are the 'passive heating power panels' for your home. We can fine-tune the operation of these northern windows by using structures above them (eaves, pergolas, vines on trellises, trees etc) to let sun in during winter and to shade the window in summer."

## GLAZING AND GLASS TYPES

Windows have come a long way; they're no longer mere portals to the outside world. Windows can now act as walls, allowing an abundance of natural light into the home while connecting humans to the world outside. However, while natural light is most often welcome in a room, its varying intensity can throw indoor comfort levels out of balance. "Different windows around a building demand different performance levels, depending on the window's location, so choose the glass that best meets and controls the window's natural light exposure," says Lachlan.

Thankfully, ever-improving glazing and glass technology is now allowing home owners more control over natural light. "There are a number of glass types available that offer various performance features like energy efficiency, security, noise reduction, self-cleaning and privacy screening; and the combination of these different technologies makes glazing a powerful component in home design," explains Lachlan.

The use of toned or reflective glass allows the adjustment of light levels, while solar-control glazing helps keep heat in or out. Other performance glass ranges like Viridian's new LightBridge double glazing insulate the home while also acting as a sound barrier. "Choosing a high-performance glass that controls the way your home gains and loses heat will allow you to have wider expanses of glazing, bringing abundant yet balanced natural light into your home," adds Lachlan.

## SIZE AND SHAPE

The size and shape of your home's windows can heavily impact the look and feel of a space. Take advantage of the natural light available to a room by considering its dimensions. If the room is spacious and features high ceilings, clear

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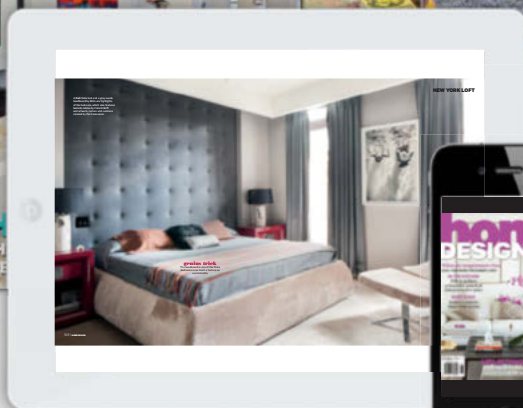
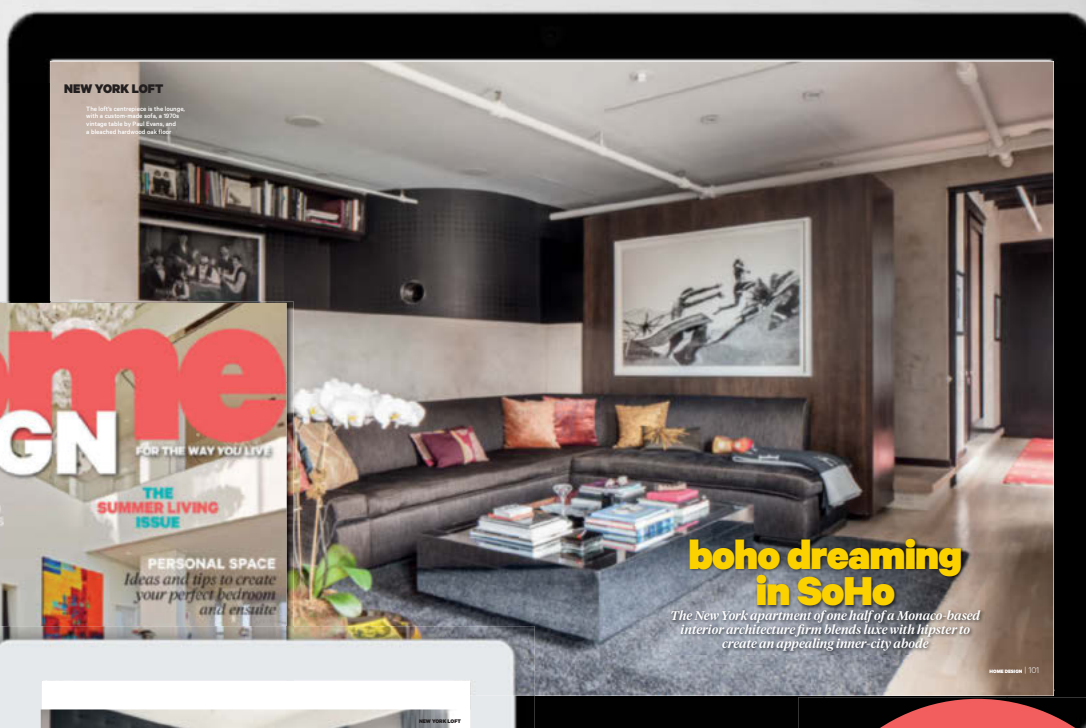
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storey or multi-storey windows will accentuate its dynamics. Smaller rooms will benefit from windows with sills closer to the ground. Skylights are a practical and non-intrusive way to allow natural light into a space without compromising on privacy. If a space offers spectacular outdoor views, use your window to frame them; views of nature make the best art work.

- 01. Viridian ThermoTech E double-glazed units incorporating Sunergy in Fairhaven House provides abundant light to this humble room.
- 02. Viridian ThermoTech double-glazed units incorporating ComfortPlus in Butterfly House.
- 03. Viridian ThermoTech E double-glazed units incorporating Sunergy in Fairhaven House.
- 04. Viridian ThermoTech double glazing used in the Austinmer Beach House.





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# Colour my world

Haymes reveals the exterior paint colour forecast for 2015

Whether you're building a new home or giving your existing one a revamp, your choice of colour for the exterior of your home will play an important role in determining your house's position on the block. The 2015 Colour Expressions Forecast by Haymes has just been released and it looks as though next year, it's all about creating homes full of comfort and familiarity through specific colour choices.

## FROM THE OUTSIDE IN

As humans, we are constantly on the go and have come to view our homes as sanctuaries, calming escapes from the world outside. Yet ironically, it is in nature that humans find true solace. The basic hues from the environment are the stars of Haymes' 2015 colour palette forecast, bringing nature's unadulterated beauty to the home.





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**THE EXPERT TIP**

Kylea Wilson, colour and commercial assistant from Haymes Paint, says greys ranging from deep to light are currently a dominant trend for exterior paint colours. “Whether it’s to modernise an older residence by adding a dark grey to the trim of a red brick home, or giving a new building a contemporary scheme, these colours work well in many situations,” says Kylea.

Grey hues provide the opportunity to be versatile in the depth of a colour and can be adjusted to suit your colour palette. “Mix [grey] with whites to create an impact on the house facade, or for a more subtle look use two slight tonal variants together,” says Kylea. “This works particularly well with older-styled homes.”

Grey exteriors also form the perfect base colour for gardens, making greenery and flora stand out and become the focus. Other colours can be used against a grey backdrop to ensure your exterior features really pop. “To add some colour and life to a grey scheme, use an accent colour to highlight architectural features, garden pots, window shutters or a front door,” says Kylea. “These are far easier to change over the years than painting your entire home. It’s the same as using cushions and throws on your interiors. Using accent colours on windows and doors gives you an opportunity to make your home stand out and to add individuality when using greys. Outlining them in a white or dark contrast colour creates a crisp modern scheme.”

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Another trend with modern homes is the use of deep greens such as Viking or Hunter Green. Mimicking lush garden elements, these colours team beautifully with various tones of grey.

Whatever your home style, bringing elements of nature to the exterior through specific colour choice is a simple way to update both its look and feel. Follow the 2015 colour guidelines and you’ll soon have your own personal sanctuary right on trend.

- 01. Grey is an excellent exterior colour that will seamlessly blend with the surroundings.
- 02. Viking 2448, Haymes Paint.
- 03. Balance NG29, Haymes Paint.
- 04. Koala Grey 4017, Haymes Paint.
- 05. Lighter greys are good for older-style homes.
- 06. Grey exteriors also form the perfect base colour for gardens.





# Building basics

All the latest essentials to make your home your own

**01.** Melbourne-based vintage lamp label Retro Print Revival, known for taking vintage lamp bases and fabrics and upcycling them to create quirky, stylish pieces for a modern-day audience, has just released its Spring/Summer 2014 collection. With 15 new 100-per-cent Australian fabrics, there's sure to be a pattern to your liking. To view the full range, visit [retroprintrevival.com](http://retroprintrevival.com)

**02.** Latte poles are the new look in textural screening, fencing and cladding — an Australian hardwood that creates a sustainable, durable, beautifully organic solution to a variety of architectural demands. Rustic and chic, as well as easy to install and maintain, the poles come in a range of thicknesses and lengths. [touchwoodtrading.com.au](http://touchwoodtrading.com.au)



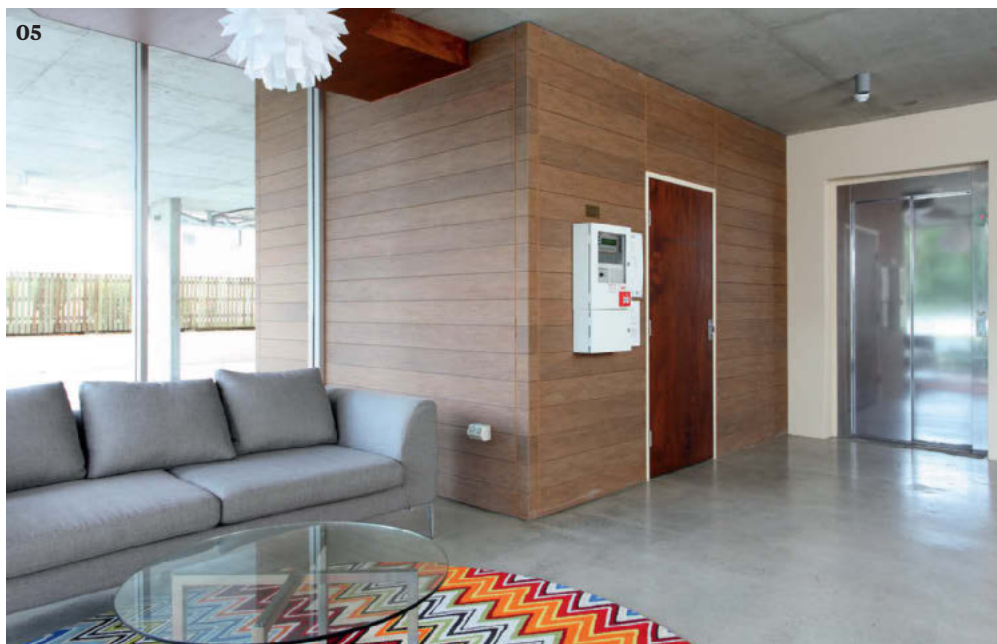
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**03.** Mark's House 2014 is a residential green wall featuring more than 140 different plant species in Mosman, New South Wales. Green walls are a great way to add colour and life to your home as the beautiful plants essentially grow directly onto the building's facade. For more information, visit [greenwall.com.au](http://greenwall.com.au).

**04.** Dare Gallery's latest ranges of furniture and accessories are the perfect essentials to add some personal style to your new home. The featured Quinto armchair will capture your imagination with its egg-shape design and

deep seat. Ideal for snuggling up and reading a good book, this beautiful, bold, red-leather chair will fit snugly into just about any decor. To view the full product range, visit [daregallery.com.au](http://daregallery.com.au)

**05.** Designer Series is a walling system ideal for any application. It consists of a range of six pre-finished, cement-bonded fibrous wood particle panels in the following styles: i-cube, textured, slim-line slate, smooth, woodgrain and urban. Each style offers various colours and can be easily installed using the unique clip system to steel or wooden frames. [cemintel.com.au](http://cemintel.com.au)

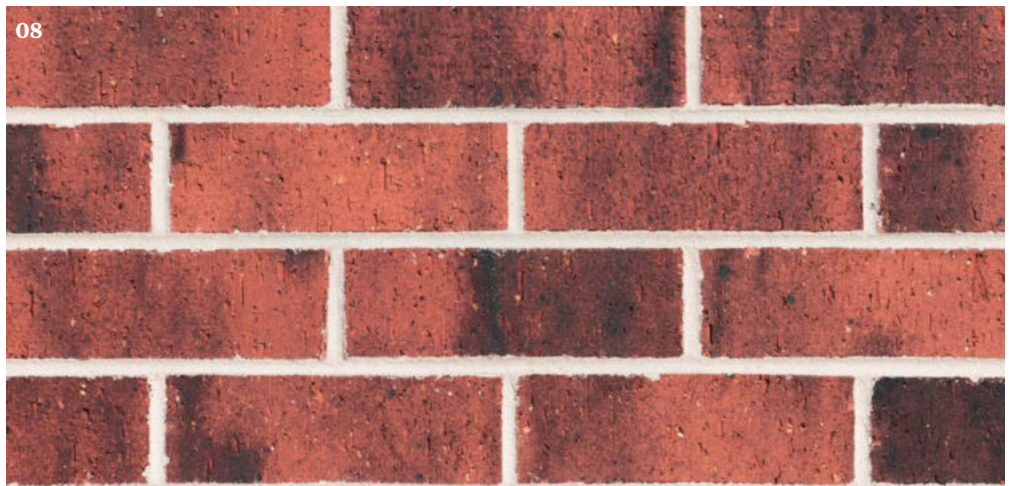


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**06.** The Finista Slim multifunctional aluminium system by Lincoln Sentry is the perfect addition to your home office. The new range comprises aluminium extrusions and brackets for drawers, cupboards, shelves and work surfaces, delivering high-quality and sleek solutions to the components required for problematic storage space. For more information, visit [lincolnsentry.com.au](http://lincolnsentry.com.au)

**07.** The Haymes 2015 Colour Forecast is best explored through five themes, which depict the colour direction and materials for the year ahead. Raw, New Skin, Exotic Botanic, Rhythmic Palms and Relaxed Replay make up the 2015

Colour Expressions Forecast by Haymes, each reflecting specific feelings and moods appropriate for the home. For more information, visit [haymespaint.com.au](http://haymespaint.com.au)

**08.** Inspired by the colours and textures of the earth's elements, PGH Bricks & Pavers introduces two new collections. The ranges include seven, rich, new colours, all made from natural clay, shale and recycled water, which are kiln-fired with natural gas and heat. This sustainable method of producing bricks ensures PGH bricks will maintain their characteristics for their lifetime. For more information, visit [pghbricks.com.au](http://pghbricks.com.au)





**09.** The new bathroom storage solutions by leading bathroom hardware supplier, Lincoln Sentry, take innovative storage to the next level. The clever new range can increase existing storage space by up to 55 per cent, utilising dead and otherwise useless space. For more information, visit [lincolnsentry.com.au](http://lincolnsentry.com.au)

**10.** Add colour to any room in the home with the new HPM Linea USB powerpoint charging outlets. A finalist in the 2014 Good Design Awards, the USB powerpoints feature a market-leading charging capacity of 4.2A that can safely and simultaneously charge any combination of USB devices at the maximum charging speed of the device. Available in more than 40 colours and finishes, the outlets create a seamless integration in classic, stylish or colourful interiors. For more information, visit [legrand.com.au/usb](http://legrand.com.au/usb)

**11.** The new Italian-designed and -manufactured outdoor air-conditioners, Fresco, Aurora and Atmosphaera, by Ozmist, are set to revolutionise the outdoor entertainment experience. The trendy new designs freshen the air, enhance your backyard space and even include room for food and drinks. All Ozmist systems are designed and manufactured to be easily installed, are extremely cost-effective and require minimal maintenance. For more information, visit [ozmist.com.au](http://ozmist.com.au)





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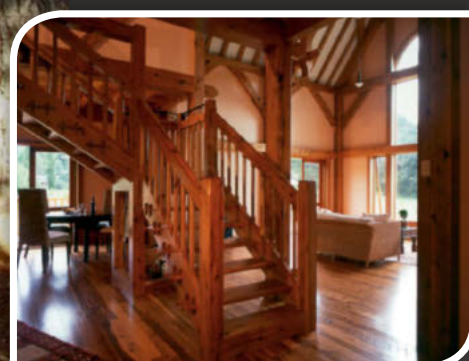
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